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Gov. Bill Anoatubby receives congratulations from Oklahoma Historical Society President Emmy Stidham and Society executive director Bob Blackburn. Gov. Anoatubby was inducted into the Oklahoma Historians Hall of Fame during ceremonies April 19 in Clinton, Okla.

Gov. Anoatubby inducted into Historians Hall of Fame

CLINTON, Okla. - Governor Bill Anoatubby was inducted, along with three others, into the Oklahoma Historians Hall of Fame on Friday, April 19 at the Frisco Conference Center in Clinton, Okla.

"It is a great honor to be accepted into the Oklahoma Historians Hall of Fame, Gov. Anoatubby said.

"The Chickasaw Nation and Oklahoma have a deep and unique history, one that started before statehood. It is an honor to be recognized alongside those who have made an impact in preserving Oklahoma culture, traditions and history."

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16th Annual Chikasha Ittifama (Chickasaw Reunion) May 17-18

KULLIHOMA - The 16th Annual Chikasha Ittifama (Chickasaw Reunion) is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, May 17-18, at Kullihoma. The gathering is free and welcomes Chickasaws and guests from across the country.

The reunion will begin at 5 p.m. on Friday, followed by a hamburger fry, youth and coed stickball and cultural demonstrations. A social dance begins at 8 p.m.

The cultural demonstrations will include corn husk dolls, beadwork, moccasin making, Chickasaw games, language,

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State water case being argued

Tribes file brief in Supreme Court case

Attorneys for the Chickasaw and Choctaw nations filed a friend of the court brief in the U.S. Supreme Court supporting Oklahoma in its dispute with the Tarrant Regional Water District.

In *Tarrant Regional Water District v. Rudolph John Herrmann,* Tarrant claims it has the right to enter Oklahoma to take water allocated to Texas under the Red River Compact. Oklahoma, Texas, Arkansas and Louisiana are signatories to the compact, which was ratified by the U.S. Congress in 1980.

Tarrant is a water district that serves customers in north Texas.

In the brief, the tribes agree with Oklahoma's position that "the Red River Compact does not support" Tarrant's claim to water in Oklahoma and that the "language of the Red River Compact does not grant one State the right to enter another State to harvest water."

The tribes are supporting Oklahoma in this litigation while negotiations continue among the tribes and the state regarding state and tribal interests in water resources.

"We joined the state of Oklahoma in this case because we share an interest in protecting the water resources in southeastern Oklahoma," Gov. Bill Anoatubby and Choctaw Nation Chief Greg Pyle said in a statement. "We believe it is vital we work together to protect these resources which are crucial to the continued growth of our economy and the quality of life of all Oklahomans."

Tarrant argues that the lower court ruling rejecting Tarrant's claim "has potentially great practical consequences for the availability of water in a major urban area in Texas," and threatens continued economic

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Longtime Chickasaw public servant

McCaleb named Ambassador at Large

NEAL McCALEB

Governor Bill Anoatubby has named Neal McCaleb Ambassador at Large for the Chickasaw Nation. As Ambassador at Large, Mr. McCaleb will serve in a capacity similar to that of the late Charles Blackwell, who was Chickasaw Nation Ambassador to the United States from 1995 until his passing on January 2 of this year.

"We believe Neal McCaleb is uniquely qualified to continue to build on Ambassador Blackwell's legacy of diplomacy and statesmanship," Gov. Anoatubby said. "Neal has earned the respect of tribal, state and national leaders during a distinguished career that spans several decades.

"His life's work as a public servant is marked by professionalism, integrity and dedication. We believe his breadth of experience and depth of knowledge will continue to be great assets to the Chickasaw Nation as he serves in this new and expanded role."

Mr. McCaleb said he was "deeply honored and privileged" to be chosen by Gov. Anoatubby for the position.

"The Chickasaw Nation is widely known and respected as a nation that has done a great deal to extend the understanding of tribal sovereignty in a very positive way," he said. "I look forward to the opportunities to advance the interests of our great Nation and our people in this capacity."

Mr. McCaleb said he expected his role as ambassador would include representing the Chickasaw Nation in interactions with other tribes, the state of

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OKLAHOMA HISTORIANS HALL OF FAME

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Gov. Anoatubby is a native of Tishomingo, Okla. He has served as Governor of the Chickasaw Nation since 1987. During his time in office, Gov. Anoatubby has overseen a widely successful effort to preserve and share Chickasaw history and culture, one of the tribe's top priorities. Preservation projects such as the restoration of the Chickasaw Capitol in Tishomingo and the Chickasaw White House in Emet have highlighted the tribe's commitment.

Gov. Anoatubby also led the efforts for the creation of The Chickasaw Press, Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur, and feature films regarding important Chickasaw historical subjects.

Gov. Anoatubby was honored during the Annual Awards Luncheon of the Oklahoma Historical Society (OHS). The awards luncheon concluded a three-day OHS annual meeting, which included a special reception, a concert and 24 speakers on topics relating to the theme "Movin' On: Mobility as a Dynamic Force in Oklahoma History."

The other inductees included William Corbett, of Tahlequah, Okla., Eddie Faye Gates, of Tulsa, and Max J. Nichols, of New York.

For more information about the Oklahoma Historical Society and the Oklahoma Historians Hall of Fame, please visit www.okhistory.org or call (405) 521-2491.

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basket weaving and traditional clothing.

Saturday's events will kick off at 9 a.m. Activities include a youth fishing derby, cornstalk shooting contest, youth and adult archery competitions, blow-gun competition, squirrel-stick throw, loksi (turtle) races and a stickball tournament.

A traditional meal of pishofa, fry bread, salt meat and grape dumplings will be served for Saturday lunch.

For guests wishing to stay the night, overnight camping spaces are available including tent spaces and a limited number of RV hookups.

To reach the site, travel to the Kullihoma sign seven miles northeast of Ada on State Highway 1, then travel three miles east and one mile south.

For information, contact the Cultural Resources at (580) 332-8685 or visit Chickasaw.net.

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WATER

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growth in the region.

The tribes' brief counters that "the critical role of water in sustaining such growth is not limited to the area served by" the district, but is also vital to continued economic development in their shared treaty territory in southeastern Oklahoma.

The brief asserts both tribes are "managing a growing economy, operating enterprises, creating jobs and building infrastructure which benefit their homeland, the State and the region."

The Chickasaw Nation's "unprecedented tribal economic development" has generated an annual economic impact of more than $2.4 billion and supports nearly 16,000 jobs in Oklahoma. In order to provide adequate water to serve citizens and economic interests within tribal territories, the water must be protected, the brief asserts.

Tarrant has lost its argument in lower courts since first filing the lawsuit six years ago.

The U.S. District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma dismissed it and Tarrant appealed that decision to the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Denver, which also dismissed it.

The lower court rejected Texas' interpretation of "equal rights (of) use," under language contained in the compact. In ruling against Texas, the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said Tarrant's rationale would "not only grant Texas a share of excess water, which it does, but also (means) that a Texas user … can access that water from anywhere in the subbasin, including Oklahoma, and not be subject to Oklahoma laws that restrict out-of-state use of water."

That unfavorable ruling in the appellate court forced the Tarrant to appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Cultural Center features Mother's Day, Armed Forces Day, movies, lectures during May

SULPHUR, Okla. - The Chickasaw Cultural Center has several exciting events planned during the month of May.

Mother's Day Celebration

The Mother's Day Celebration is set for May 11-12, and will feature a Mother's Day card workshop and a special Saturday stomp dance to honor mothers.

During this celebration, mothers will receive free admission to the Chikasha Poya Exhibit Center, special sales in the gift shop and a free cookie and tea in the Aaimpa' Café.

Armed Forces Day

The Chickasaw Cultural Center will host Armed Forces Day on May 18.

The celebration will honor all the men and women of the armed forces. Active military and veterans will receive free admission to the Chikasha Poya Exhibit Center and a 10 percent discount at the Aaimpa Café and in the retail shops. There will be a special stomp dance to honor military personnel.

Movies at the Chickasaw Cultural Center

Don't miss your chance to see your favorite movies on a four-story screen! The Chickasaw Cultural Center will be showing movies every Tuesday at 6 p.m. in the Anoli' Theater. Tickets are $2 for children, $3 for adults or $5 combo package, which includes a ticket, popcorn and a soda.

May Movie Schedule:

May 7 – "The Lion King"
May 14 – "Jurassic Park III"
May 21 – "Rocky"
May 28 - "The Amazing Spiderman"

Lecture Series

The Chickasaw Cultural Center lecture series will present "Chickasaw Presence in the Ancient Southeastern Native American Past," Saturday, May 18 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Anoli' Theater.

The Chickasaw Cultural Center is open Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. It is located at 867 Charles Cooper Memorial Drive in Sulphur.

For more information about any of the upcoming events, contact the Chickasaw Cultural Center at (580) 622-7130, or online at www.chickasawculturalcenter.com.

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Deadline for submission is the 22nd of each month prior to publication. Submissions can be mailed, faxed, hand-delivered or e-mailed.

Our Chickasaw graduates are building great futures!

The Chickasaw Nation has a rich, proud history of education.

Following the War Between the States, the tribe rapidly expanded its number of elementary and secondary schools. In 1867 alone, the Chickasaw Nation opened 11 new schools and welcomed scores of Chickasaw and other Indian students. Additionally, the tribe invested in secondary institutions known in that time as "seminaries."

Wapanucka Institute, Chickasaw Male Academy, Bloomfield Female Seminary and Lebanon Orphan School all provided what we today refer to as a high school education.

The Chickasaw Nation became known as a highly progressive, education-focused tribe that valued its educational institutions and learning.

That Chickasaw commitment to education has never wavered. Over the generations, growing numbers of Chickasaws earned their high school degrees and entered the work force prepared. The value of higher education became apparent to tribal leaders and a burgeoning group of Chickasaws began earning bachelor's and advanced degrees.

Step by step, our tribe built its resolve and promoted the benefits of a good education for our young people.

Today, the Chickasaw Nation is experiencing an explosion in the numbers of college-educated citizens. More Chickasaws than ever comprehend the huge benefit of a college degree. Each year we see greater numbers of recent Chickasaw high school graduates moving on to higher education, and bright futures.

GOV. BILL ANOATUBBY

Governor, the Chickasaw Nation

These young people are our legacy. Chickasaws know the educated mind will deliver a huge return on investment, for the individual, his family and his tribe.

In this issue of *the Chickasaw Times*, you will read about many bright, ambitious and eager young people who are completing their secondary educations. What a robust group it is! Across the country, these young Chickasaws have excelled in a wide array of disciplines, scholarly pursuits and extracurricular activities. They are truly our most precious resource.

Years ago, the tribe was strictly limited in what it could invest in our children's educations. We relied almost exclusively on federal funding for a range of programs serving pre-kindergarten to college and university students. Today, all that has changed for the better.

During the fiscal year ended Sept. 30, 2012, the Chickasaw Nation invested more than $23.5 million in its education programs. Those funds helped students from three-year-old Head Start kids to men and women completing theses dissertations. Today, if you are Chickasaw and are willing to work hard at your studies, your tribe is going to be with you all the way!

What value can we place on a good education? In terms of dollars, college graduates earn substantially more than those with only a high school degree. In terms of satisfaction, accomplishment and pride, no dollar value can express what Chickasaws are doing in the world.

The human mind has incredible capacity to accept information and learn. But we must position people so they may take full advantage of their intellectual abilities. The Chickasaw Nation makes education a top priority, and that pays dividends in Chickasaw people making tremendous contributions to their tribe, their country and their world.

Please join me in congratulating our 2013 Chickasaw graduates!

Grand Awards Show to celebrate McSwain's 20th

The McSwain Theatre is excited to announce the return of one of its greatest traditions, the Grand Awards Show.

Beginning May 18, the monthly McSwain Theatre Showcase will host preliminary competitions in which participants will vie for awards in five categories. The top-five artists in each preliminary will be determined by audience vote and advance to compete for top overall honors.

The overall winners in each category, as well as an Entertainer of the Year, will be selected by audience vote and announced at the Grand Awards Show on October 19. Awards will be given to the top male and female performers, the best gospel and group performers, and the best 16-and-under performer.

October 2013 marks the 20th anniversary of the first Grand Awards Show, an event that honored Mae Boren Axton with an award established in her name. The Mae Boren Axton Award has honored individuals who have positively impacted the country music industry, and the awards ceremony has always been a highly anticipated event.

Previous Grand Awards Shows have seen performances by the likes of Blake Shelton and appearances by the families of country music legends Reba McEntire and Garth Brooks, who accepted the Mae Boren Axton Award on their behalf. The McSwain's own Jae L. Stilwell received the honor in 1996.

Tickets for the Grand Awards Show and all preliminary rounds are now available. Each concert ticket includes an Awards Show ballet, allowing ticket-holders to vote for their five favorites as well as a write-in choice for Entertainer of the Year.

Tickets can be purchased at the McSwain box office at 130 W. Main in Ada, or by calling (580) 332-8108. You may also visit www.McSwainTheatre.com to purchase tickets and view a complete listing of show dates and times.

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'Family-friendly' movies weekly at the McSwain beginning in June

Beginning June 4 and running through August 14, the McSwain Theatre will offer family-friendly movie choices three days a week.

Movies will be shown every Tuesday and Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Admission is $1 for all ages.

The weekly Thursday movie will be shown at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Thursday admission is $2 for children and seniors, and $3 for general admission.

The Thursday movie combo pack, which includes admission, drink and popcorn is $5.

Look for a full listing of the Summer Movie Series at www.McSwainTheatre.com and in the June *Chickasaw Times*.

Head Start spring enrollment open

The Chickasaw Nation Head Start program is now accepting spring enrollment applications for the 2013-2014 school year at the Ada, Ardmore, Sulphur and Tishomingo, Okla., locations.

Enrollment deadline is June 1.

Chickasaw Nation Head Start is a child development program serving income-eligible Native American and non-Native American families with children three to five years of age. The program helps children learn and delivers to students the readiness skills necessary for academic success in later school years.

The Chickasaw Nation Head Start program provides skill-appropriate services to all Head Start students. Children with special needs and disabilities are top priorities.

Transportation services are provided for all Head Start students.

Preference is given to Native American and low-income families, and children with disabilities.

Required forms are available at any Head Start facility and www.chickasaw.net.

For more information, or to obtain an application, please contact the Chickasaw Nation Head Start Center in your area.

Ada Head Start: (580) 310-6638

Ardmore Head Start: (580) 223-6276

Sulphur Head Start: (580) 622-6200

Tishomingo Head Start: (580) 371-3216.

Our tribe is blessed to have the Lighthorse Police Department

CONNIE BARKER

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Hello everyone,

I hope the start of spring has brought you a renewed sense of happiness and good health.

Last month on April 15, 2013, a terrible tragedy happened in Boston during the running of the annual Boston Marathon. A senseless, unprovoked attack was carried out on innocent people as they stood at the finish line of the race to celebrate the accomplishments of their family and friends resulting in the death of three people and wounding of many.

The remainder of the week was filled with news reports of terrorist plots, police searches, FBI investigations, and finally the killing of one suspect and the capture of another. But, during that time, a police officer lost his life in the line of duty. His family was reported to have said, that he died doing what he loved to do, serving and protecting the public.

Men and women who chose a career in law enforcement put their lives on the line every day to make sure others like myself can work and live in a crime-free environment. They are people of great integrity and devotion to their field and we as a Nation can never thank them enough. So this is my way of saying "Thank You" to the men and women of the Chickasaw Nation Lighthorse Police Department who serve and protect the citizens of the Chickasaw Nation.

The department is made up of 6 divisions: patrol, dispatch, investigations, a dive team, a K-9 unit, and even a SWAT team. The dive team was established in 2007 due to an increasing need for search and rescue within the Chickasaw Nation. The SWAT team, also established in 2007, is comprised of nine officers responding to the most dangerous situations. The K-9 Unit has a total of 4 dogs, 2 trained in narcotic detection and two trained in explosives. The patrol division employs 18 uniformed officers sworn to serve and protect Chickasaw citizens within our communities. Not only do they serve within the boundaries of the nation, but many are cross deputized with other law enforcement agencies as support. They are equipped with state-of-the-art technology to enhance their overall mission to serve and protect life and property of each citizen.

The investigation division is responsible for effective investigative services of criminal suspects, recovery of stolen property and is comprised of five special agents and a crime analyst.

None of these officers could perform their duties without dispatch. The dispatch team is responsible for all telecommunications, receiving emergency calls, making referrals and disseminating information.

The men and women of the Chickasaw Nation Lighthorse Police Department deserve our gratitude and thanks as they perform their duties with honor and the highest ethical standards required of someone in their position to earn the public trust. So the next time you encounter one of our finest, please thank them for a job well done.

God bless each of you,

Connie Barker

Bloomfield School 1965 reunion photo a real keeper

BETH ALEXANDER

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Springtime is here! Not too long ago I was helping Mom with some spring cleaning and found this newspaper clipping from The Oklahoma Journal dated May 4, 1965. My grandmother had saved this picture of ladies gathered for a Bloomfield School Reunion. Unfortunately, there were no names listed! I can't help but notice their clothes, hairstyles and expressions! Look closely and maybe you will see one of your relatives! It would be neat to discover who they are. This just goes to show that you never know when our past will surface. So to make sure that your family's history is preserved take names, write down information, and take pictures!

We just had our first ever Ben F. Collins family reunion. Everyone who was a descendant of Ben's was invited. My mother was the oldest descendant there and my granddaughter, Ever Grace, was the youngest! I'll share more on the reunion next month.

Here are a few quick points I want to share with you:

It has come to my attention that some of our citizens that are currently experiencing incarceration and or parole are not aware that they are still eligible to participate in our tribal elections. All Chickasaw citizens who hold the proper CDIB/Citizenship cards are able to receive a ballot and vote. No matter your location or situation, take an active part in our elections and continue to represent your family.

One other tidbit of information, for the past several months, strange things have been happening with my landline home phone, (580) 283-3409. After starting with my local phone company and working my way up to the FCC, I have discovered that the problem is NOT with my home phone but with THE CALLER'S LONG DISTANCE COMPANY! About now you are saying, "It's not my phone because I call other people and don't have this problem..." The issue is with citizens who live in rural areas. Some long distance companies aren't worried about reaching the rural areas because their big money is made in the higher populated regions! The FCC is currently investigating these problems. I have said all of this to say, if you are experiencing problems reaching me on my home phone, please contact me on my business cell (580) 272-7850. Until next time, may you and your family be richly blessed.

"…having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life." Titus 3:7 NIV

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For Women

Old Friends United

Greeting old friends are these graduates of Bloomfield Seminary for Chickasaw Indian girls, Ardmore, in a recent reunion. Started in 1848 by Rev. J.H. Carr, the boarding school was sponsored by the Indian Mission Conference, and was one of thirteen such schools supported by joint appropriations from the respective Missionary Boards in charge of the schools and the annuity funds of the Choctaws and Chickasaws.

Tribal initiatives build job opportunities for Chickasaws

LINDA BRIGGS

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

It is certainly a welcome event when May arrives in the Chickasaw Nation!

We have experienced some decent spring rains this year, which were very much needed after two and one-half years of drought. We may not be out of the woods yet, but ponds are filling up and things look lush. Let's hope this May marks the drought's end!

With U.S. unemployment running about 7.5%, we understand that getting a holding a good job is more difficult today than in the past. U.S. companies are now much more cautious about adding employees and that can make job hunting very frustrating.

We have a unique opportunity at our InnovationOne manufacturing and fabricating facility in Marietta. The tribe purchased the plant in 2004 when the owner was preparing to shut it down. Shuttering a plant and eliminating 50 good jobs in rural Oklahoma is a big blow. We simply weren't going to let that happen. Gov. Anoatubby saw the great potential in the plant and the tribe has been rewarded with growing revenues, growing jobs and growing market share.

InnovationOne is the largest producer of airport baggage conveyers. The plant contains equipment that does laser cutting, sheet metal and structural fabrication, powder coating and other processes.

In late February, we broke ground on a 10,000 square-foot expansion at the plant. The expansion will house sand blasting and wet painting operations that will allow the operation to grow its book of business.

That's all great news! And there is more.

InnovationOne partners with our Career Development Initiative program. This important partnership opens employment opportunities for Chickasaws who may have some barriers to employment.

This unique effort is providing excellent jobs for Chickasaw workers. The plant now employs about 40 workers, many of them Chickasaw, and that number is set to grow with the new business.

InnovationOne is a successful manufacturer and has grown total revenues almost four-fold since we purchased the plant in 2004.

I think the best news is the employment. You are fortunate in today's environment if you hold a good job. Many people today are unemployed, underemployed or have simply stopped looking for work. That's just the reality of our economic situation in America today.

When you meet one of the Chickasaw workers at the plant, you will probably see sweat on his brow – and a smile on his face! I am so proud and pleased our tribe is doing the important things that get our people working good jobs.

Many thanks to you for staying in touch with me. I am your legislator and I am here to help you. Please call, write or email me anytime at P.O. Box 241, Marietta, OK 73448, (580) 272-7268, linda.briggs@chickasaw.net

Indian code talkers possess a unique patriotic legacy

KATIE CASE

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Hello Everybody,

Recently, Panola District Legislator, Beth Alexander and I were honored to be included by our own Chickasaw honor guard in their recognition of Navajo Code Talker, Bill Toledo. Bill is one of only three surviving original 29 code talkers.

Bill was the guest speaker of this year's Louise Young Diversity Lecture, presented at East Central University's Haley Brown Ford Fine Arts Center, here in Ada.

Bill's memories of the origin, training, services and loyalty of the code talkers are amazing. His stories are incredibly captivating. With a straightforward, but very descriptive style, Bill shared those stories with us. It was a privilege to hear him, and I would like to share with you just a few things he shared with us.

Phillip Johnston, a Presbyterian missionary's son who had grown up with Navajo children on a reservation just outside of Flagstaff, was working and living in Los Angeles when he read about the Army's experiments with Comanche language. After the attack on Pearl Harbor, Johnston contacted the Marines about possible using Navajo language for combat communications.

Bill said a Marine recruiter came to his high school asking for volunteers. Ultimately, 29 young Navajo teenagers from across the Navajo reservation volunteered, were accepted and whisked away by bus to San Diego for training. They were almost instantaneously a thousand miles and a world away from home.

In San Diego, the teenagers endured basic training. For seven weeks, the young Navajos who had been taught that looking someone directly in the eye or raising your voice was disrespectful were suddenly faced with drill sergeants screaming orders directly in their faces. In addition to basic training, they were developing a Navajo dictionary of combat communication. Bill said it was tough.

Straight away, the young soldiers were inserted into the war. They used their language as an unbreakable code to transmit messages from U.S. commander's to U.S. troops. Bill told us that the Navajos learned to listen to a message, decode it and send it out fast.

The code talkers eventually numbered over 5,000 unique and loyal troops. At the end of the war, they were ordered to keep secret the specifics of their role in winning the South Pacific. For 24 years, the men were silent about their contributions to victory.

I recommend two books on the subject, "Navajo Weapon" by Sally McClain and "It Had To Be Done" by Stephan Mack are great. I couldn't put mine down!

Respectfully,
Katie

Plan now to attend Chikasha Ittifama in May

NANCY ELLIOTT

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Chokma, Chinchokma, Hello, How are you?

Congratulations to Chipota Chikashshanompoli (Children Speaking Chickasaw) Language Club for taking first place in the large group category at the Native American Youth Language Fair in Norman, Oklahoma. Congratulations also go out to Dale and Katie Shackleford, Chickasaw youth from Lexington, Oklahoma, for taking first place in the small group category. We are so proud of our youth for their desire to learn more about their culture by learning the Chickasaw language.

At this year's Dynamic Women's Forum, we were able to hear from many dynamic Chickasaw women in regard to women's contributions to our tribe. One of our speakers, Heather Ahtone, Assistant Curator of Native American and Non-Western art at the Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art in Norman, asked the audience, "How are we going to be Chickasaw people in 100 years?" It is a very profound thought. If we do not pass on our language and culture to each generation coming after us, then we won't be Chickasaw people. It is so important for us to make a concentrated effort to learn the language and culture so we can pass it on to our children and grandchildren.

One way to do that is to participate in the many events provided by the Chickasaw Nation to learn about our culture. The Chikasha Ittifama, or Chickasaw Reunion, is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, May 17-18, at Kullihoma. The event will begin at 5 p.m. Friday, followed by a free hamburger fry, youth and co-ed stickball, cultural demonstrations and a social dance. The cultural demonstrations will include corn husk dolls, beadwork, moccasin making, Chickasaw games, language, basket weaving and traditional clothing. Saturday's events will kick off at 9 a.m. and last all day. They will include a youth fishing derby, cornstalk shooting contest, youth and adult archery competitions, blow-gun competition, squirrel-stick throw, loksi races and stickball. A traditional meal of pishofa, fry bread, salt meat and grape dumplings will be served Saturday for lunch.

This will be a great time to immerse ourselves in Chickasaw culture and get to know a lot of great Chickasaw people. Hope to see you there! You might even meet some of your relatives. I hope you all will make plans now to attend the Chikasha Ittifama on May 17 and 18. Please let me know if I can help you in any way.

Chipisala' cho anowa, (Until I see you again)
Nancy
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Elder case manager ready to help you

Are you a Chickasaw Elder age 60 or older? Do you live within the tribal boundaries?

If so, call Stefanie Luna, Elder Case Manager at 800-851-9136 ext. 80110 for personalized assistance navigating the Health System.

Make use of our transportation services for real convenience

MARY JO GREEN

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Hello and greetings from Legislator Mary Jo Green, Seat 5, Pontotoc District. April was a busy month with many community council meetings. The Purcell Community Council sponsored an event that was attended by several other councils. They provided booths with items for sale and served brunch for those adventurers who made it there early on Saturday morning. They held the affair in conjunction with the town's celebration of the Land Run.

I attended a lecture on the Douglas Johnston family which was presented by historian Dr. Michael Lovegrove at the historic Chickasaw Capitol building in Tishomingo. I am related to Douglas Johnston because his mother, Mary Ann Cheadle Walker Moncrief Johnston is my great-great-great grandmother. Family history is a powerful thing that binds us Chickasaws together.

The Chickasaw Dynamic Women's Conference was held at the McSwain Theater in Ada again this year. This annual event is very well done by Lona Barrick and her staff. Several of us also attended the Wichita, Kansas Community Council meeting.

My apologies for last month's article when I stated that Dixon Gorrell was married to Shug Thompson. In fact, he was married to Salina Nail, a Caddo Indian.

This month I wish to brag about the Chickasaw Nation Transportation Services Department. Their mission is to provide non-emergency medical transport as well as picking up prescriptions and delivering them to Native Americans living within the Chickasaw Nation. In order to access their services, please call as much ahead of time as possible because they average 300 calls per day. Following the phone call, you will be asked to provide a copy of your CDIB and Social Security card. The Ardmore office is located at 301 West Main and the Ada office is located at the old Carl Albert building. Both offices can be reached at (580) 310-6453 or toll free at 800-492-2115, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.

When using the transportation service, you must be ready 15 minutes before the designated time. The vehicle is considered on time if it arrives between 15 minutes before and 15 minutes after the designated time, so plan accordingly. One caretaker may join you on the trip and children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Children may ride only if they have a medical appointment or adequate space is available and you have made prior arrangements for space.

I would love to hear from you. My email address is mary.green@chickasaw.net and my address and telephone number are listed elsewhere in this and every issue of *the Chickasaw Times* and on the Chickasaw Nation web site. Until next time, I wish God's blessings on all of our people. Thank you.

Chickasaw Nation Transportation Services Department

Aalhakoffichi' facility a great addition to serve teens

TOBY PERKINS

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Chokma,

I hope all is well with you and your family.

I recently attended Chickasaw Community Council meetings in Connerville, Purcell, Newcastle and Oklahoma City, and will be headed south for the combined picnic of two Texas councils the first part of May. I always enjoy council meetings where you are guaranteed great fellowship, wonderful food and lots of laughing and visiting. I encourage you to find a council meeting in your area and join us.

In Legislative session, we passed one resolution approving a petroleum pipeline right of way easement in Murray County. The easement will allow BKEP Pipeline, LLC to traverse the sod farm facility in Davis.

We have many projects in the works but one I am thankful we have completed is the Aalhakoffichi' adolescent supportive living treatment center in Pauls Valley. The residential treatment facility will provide twenty-four hour supervised care to Chickasaw and other American Indian youth and their families who struggle with mental health, substance abuse, and family relational issues. I am so appreciative to the many individuals who worked so hard to make this center a reality. I pray for the residents and their families as they begin the healing process.

Despite waking up to 32 degree weather this morning, spring is here, plants are blooming and that means the 16th Annual Chikasha Ittifama (Chickasaw Reunion) is right around the corner. There will be cultural demonstrations and many events the whole family can participate in and enjoy. I hope to see you there, May 17th and 18th at Kullihoma. For more information you may contact the cultural resources department at (580) 332-8685.

I would love to hear from you. Please contact me with your concerns, needs or questions. I am here to help.

May God bless you and your family.

Toby Perkins, Legislator
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Count of Voters by District

Panola	1,956	Pontotoc	13,030
Pickens	8,131	Tishomingo	5,680
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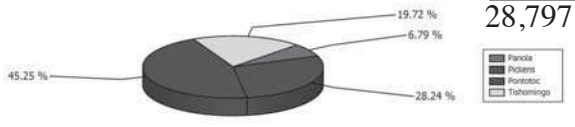

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Getting involved with our language a good step

SHANA HAMMOND

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Chokma! I recently traveled to Kansas with Nancy Elliott and Dean McManus to attend the Chickasaw Community Council of Wichita. What an inviting and friendly group of people! Ric Greenwood from the language department was on-hand to provide a Chickasaw language lesson.

Mr. Greenwood reminded us that the number of fluent speakers we have is getting smaller. We are trying to build the number of speakers back up and offer a variety of options for our tribal members to learn the language. Here are a few options:

· Community language classes are offered at various senior sites each month.

· The Children's Chickasaw Language Club (Chipota Chikashshanompoli)

· Chickasaw Kids website that provides our children with a basic vocabulary (www.chickasakids.com)

· Flash cards

To learn more about any of these programs, call (580) 436-2603 and ask for the language department.

Now let's combine language and culture and plan to attend the 16th annual Chikasha Ittifama (Chickasaw Reunion) at Kullihoma May 17 and 18. Activities over the two-day event will include stickball, a cornstalk shooting contest, youth and adult archery competitions and many more activities. Plan now to attend the event.

We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing. ~2 Thessalonians 1:3

Legislator Shana Hammond with Patricia Coombs from the Chickasaw Community Council of Wichita, Kansas.

'Three Sisters' offers a snapshot of our traditions

SCOTT WOOD

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Chukma,

I am excited to see all of our growth the past several years. We have a lot of accomplishments to be proud of as Chickasaw citizens. The Nation has several new facilities and programs each year that show our endurance during times when our local, state, and federal governments struggle.

The Chickasaw Nation Cultural Center at Sulphur, in the Tishomingo District is amazing. I hope each of you take the opportunity to visit it at least once. I recently had a chance to visit during the Celebration of the 3 Sisters at the end of March. The 3 Sisters are the corn, squash, and bean. Our ancestors planted these things together to assist each other in surviving. The corn is planted first, then the bean is planted to wrap around the cornstalk for stability. The squash is planted at the base to provide moisture for the corn and bean. In turn the corn and bean provide shade for the squash. Thus, the 3 sisters live in harmony and take care of each other.

I was accompanied by my wife Ashley and my youngest daughter Cheyenne. We had a wonderful time even though the weather was not very much like spring. Although the weather did not hamper the event, there were many tourists from all over the country. We had people visiting from as far away as Europe, which amazes me to think that we are popular with people from all over the world.

We took time to have lunch in the Aaimpa' Café and to say the least the food was excellent. We had Indian tacos, pashofa, and grape dumplings. I have had a lot of pashofa during my forty-three years and I was pleasantly surprised on how wonderful it tasted. The Aaimpa' Café does a superb job with our traditional foods. While waiting in line, a gentleman from Texas stated that the Chickasaw Nation must be doing very well and asked if I was Chickasaw. I replied by telling him yes and I am proud to be part of the Chickasaw Nation.

Our Nation has a lot more to look forward to in the future. We have perseverance like our ancestors before us and are able to adapt and overcome many challenges. It is significant that we do not forget our traditions and imperative to have a cultural center such as ours, to let the world know who we are as a tribe.

It truly is great to be Chickasaw!

Sincerely,
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Let's sing 'My Girl' in Chickasaw!

Chickasaw language students make super showing at Youth Language Fair

Chipota Chikashshanompoli (Children Speaking Chickasaw) club placed first in the large group song category for singing "My Girl" in Chickasaw, during the 11th Annual Oklahoma Native American Youth Language Fair in Norman, Okla. Front row from left, Dezane Crawford and Kelbey Parnacher. Second row from left, Isabella McGinley, Noah Hinson, Ke-Ke Factor, Zoe' Allen and Cydnee Miller. Third row from left, Jairus Smith, Anna Mae Palmer, Johnathon Delfrate, Makynlee Miller and Jesse Clark. Back row from left, Levi Hinson, Chris Allen, Katie Walker, Charlie Walker, Chelsea Wedlow, Samantha Chapman and TJ Clark.

NORMAN, Okla. - The Temptations' classic '60s tune "My Girl" took on a Chickasaw persona recently and proved to be a winner for a special group of Chickasaw students.

Chickasaw students participated in spoken word, large group song, small group spoken language, and essay and poster contest on April 2 during the 11th Annual Oklahoma Native American Youth Language Fair at the Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History in Norman.

The Chickasaw Nation Chipota Chikashshanompoli (Children Speaking Chickasaw) placed first in the large group song category. The group sang "My Girl" in Chickasaw.

Student singers in the group were Dezane Crawford, Kelbey Parnacher, Noah Hinson, Cydnee Miller, Isabella McGinley, Zoe' Allen, Anna Mae Palmer, Ke-Ke Factor, Makynlee Miller, Jairus Smith, Jesse Clark, Johnathon Delfrate, Chris Allen, Levi Hinson, Samantha Chapman, TJ Clark, Chelsea Wedlow, Katie Walker and Charlie Walker.

In the small group spoken language category, Dale and Katy Shackleford placed first for their skit in Chickasaw. Individual award winners include Ezra Johnson, who placed third in spoken word, Katy Shackleford placed first for her essay and Johnathon Delfrate placed third for his language poster entry.

The Oklahoma Native American Youth Language Fair honors Native language students and teachers by providing a venue and opportunity to present their Native languages publicly. The fair celebrates language diversity in Oklahoma and throughout the U.S.

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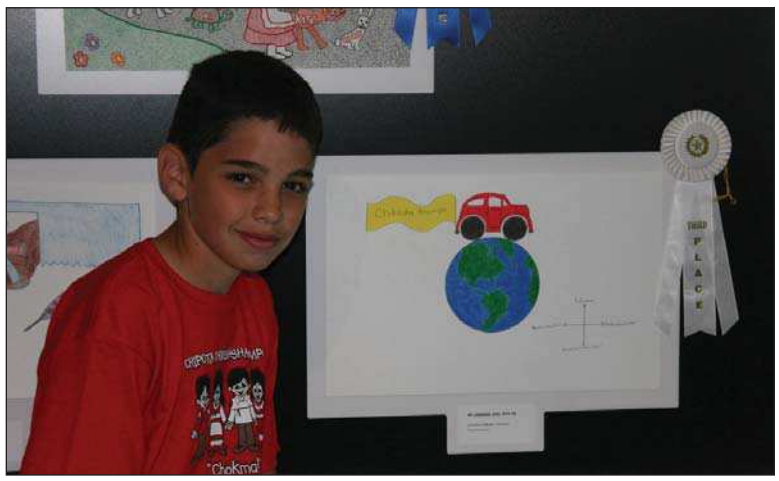
Chickasaw language and Byng High School student Ezra Johnson placed third in the individual spoken language category during the 11th Annual Oklahoma Native American Youth Language Fair in Norman, Okla.

During the 11th Annual Oklahoma Native American Youth Language Fair Dale and Katy Shackleford placed first in the small group spoken language category for their Chickasaw skit. Katy also placed first in the essay reading contest.

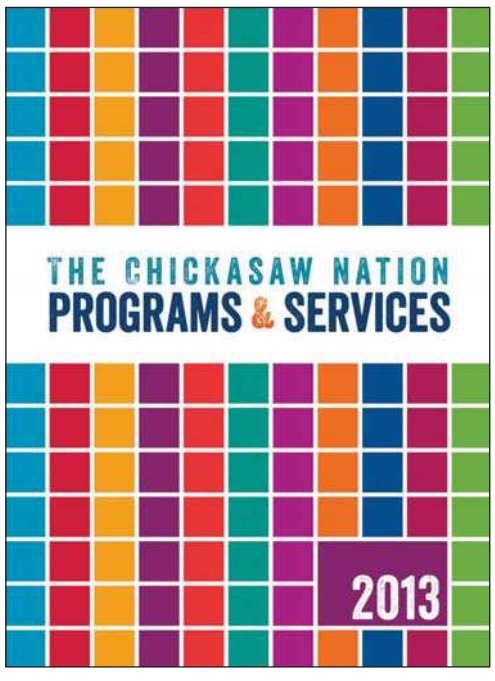


Chickasaw student Johnathon Delfrate placed third during the 11th Annual Oklahoma Native American Youth Language Fair poster contest for his poster entitled "My Language Goes with Me."

Ofi' Toklo language segment

Ofi' Toklo is a new language segment featured on the Chickasaw language channel on Chickasaw.TV. Tune in each Monday for a new video! Ofi' Toklo is an exciting way to reach Chickasaw youth by entertaining and teaching.

Programs & Services and Services @ Large



The 2013 Programs and Services and Services At-Large directories are now available for download at Chickasaw.net/servicedirectory. Hard copies will soon be mailed directly to all Chickasaw citizens.

The Programs and Services and Services At-Large directories contain information about all tribal programs and services. Inside the directory are program descriptions, contact information and office locations.

A unique Chickasaw tradition

Late spring perfect time to plant 'Three Sisters'

For the Chickasaw people, no foods have played as important a cultural role as corn, beans and squash. Throughout Chickasaw history, agriculture has influenced the economy, social and spiritual gatherings and served to bond the cultural identity of the various villages that comprised the Chickasaw people in their homelands. This tradition has continued into the 21st century.

Known as the "Three Sisters" style of gardening, these three plants can be grown together in an intercrop system within the same area of a field. Typically, Three Sisters is planted in a small, rounded mound of soil leveled off at the top.

Growing the Three Sisters in home garden is not complicated and has experienced a resurgence over the last few years. People who have expressed interest in growing the plants are often pleasantly surprised at how easy it is.

The planting beds for Three Sisters should be in a sunny area, clear of grass, weeds and rocks. The soil of the beds needs to be covered with a few inches of compost. Once the compost is laid on the ground, turn it so the soil and compost mix. Water the area well to spread the nutrients deep into the soil.

Planting should begin in late spring, typically late May and into June. Begin by hoeing the ground and piling the soil into mounds about a foot high and 24 inches across. The centers of the mounds should be about four feet apart and have flattened tops.

Corn is planted first. In the center of the flattened mound, plant five to 10 corn kernels in a ring pattern spaced out six inches from each other. The kernels should not be deeper than an inch, watered in well.

After a couple of weeks, the corn stalks should be at a height of eight to 10 inches. Plant the beans about six inches away from the corn, towards the outer edge of the mound. Again, these need to be watered in well, planted about an inch into the soil. The beans will sprout in about seven to 14 days.

Using the same planting technique, the squash is placed farthest from the center of the mound, about 18 inches from center, a week after the beans have sprouted. This is a good time to remove any weeds or weak corn stalks from the mound.

As the corn grows, the beans will begin to climb up their stalks. A gardener can help the process by wrapping the beans around the corn stalk. The squash will grow along the edge of the mound. It may be necessary to turn the squash ends towards the center of the mound. Water the mound well.

With little effort, the Three Sisters style of gardening will guarantee maximum efficiency of limited space and provide variety of vegetables within the garden.

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Living History players don historic regalia while maintaining the corn fields within the Traditional Village at the Chickasaw Cultural Center.

According to local grocers, the peppers grown in the Community Gardens are "the hottest in Ada."

The Community Gardens grow many flowers, plants and vegetables used by the citizens of the Chickasaw Nation.

Stephanie Scott, Cydnee Miller and Lauren John plant the Three Sisters during the Three Sisters Celebration held at the Chickasaw Cultural Center.

Chickasaw Nation Community Gardens

The Chickasaw Nation Community Gardens is a mixture of both time-honored traditions and cutting-edge technology. The gardens have expanded from humble beginnings in 2002 from one small green house to a dual-bay greenhouse with raised and traditional gardens. The greenhouse and gardens produce a variety of award-winning products that include beautiful cut flowers, fresh vegetables and decorative hanging baskets.

The Community Gardens offer employment and training opportunities to Chickasaw youth and adults. A staff of 10 full-time adults and 12 summer youth workers man the gardens. Summer youth workers receive valuable work experience, plus knowledge through etiquette classes, cultural activities, arts and crafts and guest speakers.

The Community Gardens staff is also responsible for landscaping many of the Chickasaw Nation's properties. Flowers, plants and vegetables for special occasions such as meetings and cultural events are donated from the grounds. During the growing season, vegetable deliveries are made to area senior sites and Chickasaw Nation fundraising functions.

Area Offices receive thousands of tomato, squash and pepper plants which are donated to Chickasaw families. During the summer months, the general public can purchase vegetables and vegetable plants at the Ada Farmers' Market.

For more information about the Community Gardens, contact the Chickasaw Nation Horticulture Department at (580) 559-0888.

Cultural Center plays host to international Friendship Force

Members of Friendship Force Oklahoma and Friendship Force Exchange Program visit the Chickasaw Cultural Center.

SULPHUR, Okla. - The Chickasaw Cultural Center welcomed 51 members of Friendship Force Oklahoma and Friendship Force Exchange Program on April 22. The Oklahoma chapter hosted exchange members from Australia, Japan, Canada, Kentucky, California, Washington, Oregon, Nebraska, Maine, Iowa, Arizona and Tennessee.

Visiting members explored the campus of the Chickasaw Cultural Center, met with cultural demonstrators, participated in the stomp dance demonstration and enjoyed Indian tacos in the Aaimpa' Café.

"The Cultural Center is an amazing place and I am very impressed," said Andrea Ling, Friendship Force exchange program member from Perth, Australia. "I enjoyed participating in the stomp dance, you get the rhythm and get moving."

Friendship Force is an international non-profit organization which seeks to foster peace and a greater understanding across cultural boundaries through international and domestic travel exchanges based upon home hosting.

Since its founding in 1977, Friendship Four has grown to over 363 clubs in more than 60 countries.

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Easter Celebration at the Cultural Center

The Chickasaw Cultural Center celebrated Easter with its first Easter Celebration on March 30 with a crowd of nearly 1,250 guests. The celebration featured an Easter hunt, egg and spoon races and cookie decorating. Pictured with the Easter Bunny are, from left, Chickasaws Alicson Scott, Kayne Scott, Keela Scott and Logan Parnell.

Pine needle basket class

Mary Ahtone, of Ada, creates a pine needle basket during a recent class at the Chickasaw Tribal Library. The class was taught by librarian Judy Thomas. A new event is planned for each month at the tribal library. On May 21, an adult art journal class will be offered from 1-3 p.m. The Tribal Library is located at 1003 Chamber Loop Rd., Ada, Okla. and is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information call (580) 310-6477.

Three Sisters

More than 3,500 visitors gathered at the Chickasaw Cultural Center for the Three Sisters Celebration, March 18-23. The celebration honored the ancient method of gardening. "Three Sisters" uses an intercropping system to grow corn, beans, and squash simultaneously. Chickasaw cultural instructors Wakeah Vigil and Tyra Shackleford demonstrate basket weaving to an audience during the celebration.

Tribe partners with area cities to collect hazardous waste

CHICKASHA, Okla. - More than 150 families brought motor oil, insecticides, tires and other potentially dangerous items to the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day in Chickasha, April 6. The Chickasaw Nation and the City of Chickasha partnered to make this first of its kind event a success.

Chickasha resident Joe Bledsoe was excited to remove dangerous chemicals from his home.

"I am happy we are having this," he said. "It is good for the community. I have had chemicals accumulating in my home for 30 to 40 years and now have a safe place to drop them off."

The Chickasha High School parking lot was the site for the collection. The tribe and the city were responsible for the organization of the event and the disposal of the various materials dropped off.

City manager Stewart Fairburn said it was a good partnership between the Chickasaw Nation and the City of Chickasha.

"We have had a good turnout," he said. "This was the first time we have held this event and we hope that it will continue to build. The amount of waste coming in has been substantial."

One trip was not enough for some residents. Many came through the efficient lines at the event two and three times.

"This is my third trip through the line," said Pat Cave, Chickasha resident and assistant principal at Rush Springs. "This is incredible and needs to be done twice a year. It was well organized and user friendly."

One of the more dangerous products collected at the event was asbestos siding.

"This is an amazing service," said Donald Horm, of Chickasha. "If it was not for this event, where would I dispose of this siding? I can't take it to the dump. This really helps the city look better because I am able to update my house and dispose of this dangerous stuff."

About the Partnerships

The event was made possible through a Chickasaw Nation grant to help communities within its boundaries. The cities of Chickasha and Ardmore partnered with the tribe. The cities agreed to provide locations, emergency services and help with the disposal of some of the hazardous materials.

Collected at the event were two and a half pallets of latex paint that was taken by the Chickasaw Nation to the ReUse Center in Ada for redistribution. For extremely hazardous materials and e-waste that required recycling and transportation by certified licensed professionals, the tribe contracted outside companies.

Tulsa-based company, Natural Evolution, collected approximately 7,000 pounds of e-waste. The e-waste will be sorted, recycled and disposed of properly. For the more hazardous materials, such as oil-based paint, chemicals and asbestos, nationally certified Stericycle Disposal was contracted for proper packing, removal and destruction of the 16 pallets collected.

The City of Chickasha properly disposed of motor oil, automobile tires, batteries, and provided a document shredding truck to immediately destroy paper for recycling. Chickasha collected approximately 1,000 gallons of motor oil to be taken to city facilities where it will be shipped off for cleaning and recycling.

More than 115 tires were collected. These will be taken to a facility in Duncan where they will be shredded and used in the production of asphalt by state highway departments, playground covering and turf for athletic fields.

More than 115 tires were collected for proper disposal. Most will be used in the production of asphalt.

The Ardmore collection will take place 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, May 4 on the south parking lot of Ardmore Regional Park located at 2704 North Rockford Road. For more information about household hazardous waste event in Ardmore, contact Cindy Gammons at (580) 272-5456.

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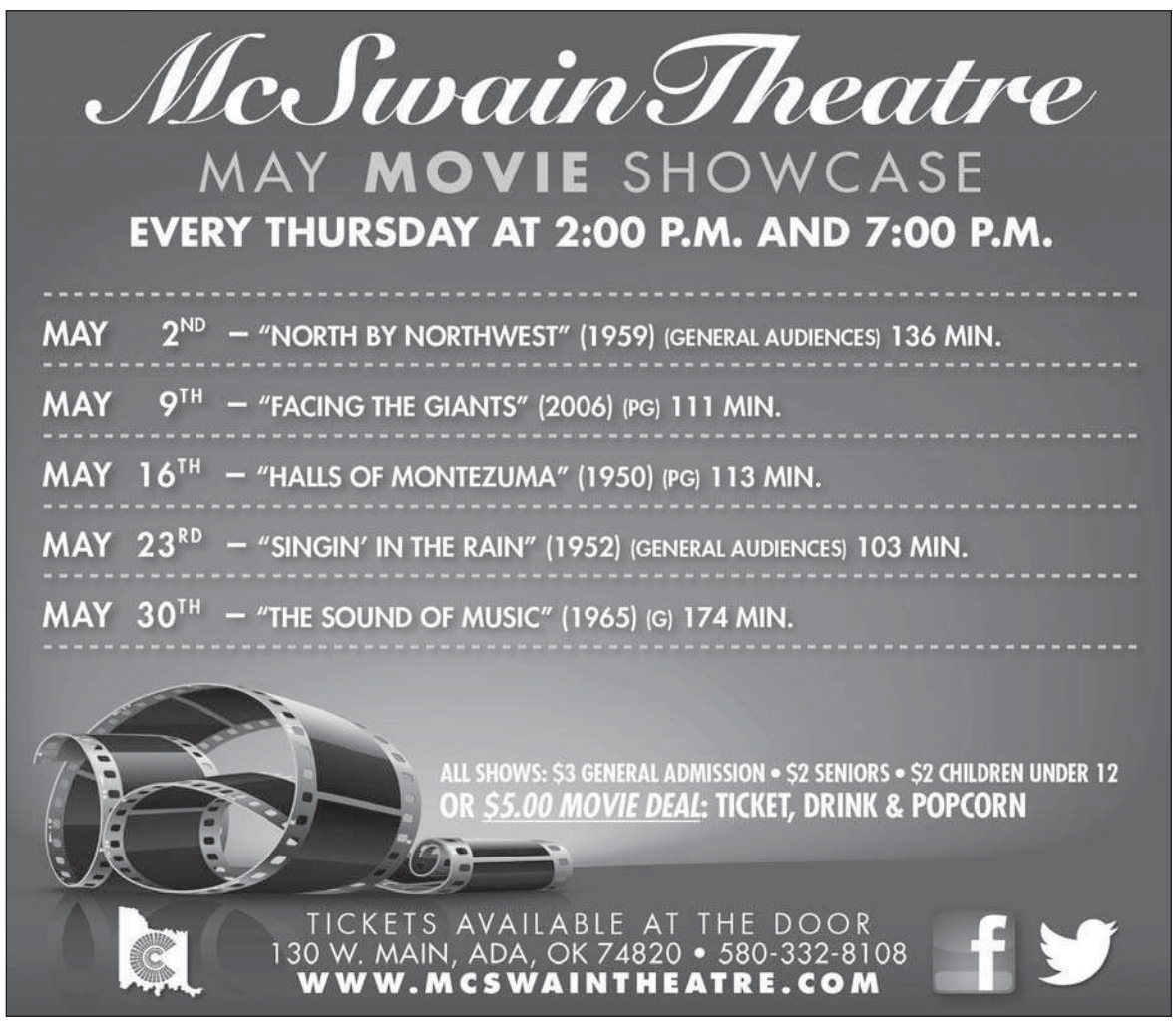
Covered tractor-trailers were used to move the 16 pallets of solid and liquid hazardous waste.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Grants and scholarship deadline June 15

Chickasaw students seeking higher education grants and scholarships for the 2013 summer semester must apply by June 15.

Students participating in accredited undergraduate, graduate or doctoral programs are eligible to receive assistance. A number of grants and scholarship programs are offered annually by the Chickasaw Nation.

Grants and scholarships assist part-time and full-timeas-students with tuition, books and fees.

Applicants must complete a Programs, Grants and Scholarship Application and provide an official high school or college transcript and schedule of classes.

Applications are available at http://services.chickasaw.net or by calling (580) 421-7711.

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Tribe making a difference with green initiative

Chickasaw Nation ReUse Center filling critical community recycling mission

The Chickasaw Nation understands that recycling and conservation is about stewardship and being environment-friendly. With an operation the size of the Chickasaw Nation, a certain amount of waste, both in energy and trash, can be expected. However, through reuse and recycling efforts promoted by the tribe, many of these are reduced or eliminated.

The tribe monitors its practices and measures environmental impact. These steps have led to programs like the ReUse Center, paper and plastic recycling programs, and educational outreach. The tribe has also partnered with other community organizations within the state to address environmental issues.

The Chickasaw Nation ReUse Center, in Ada, accepts surplus building materials and other slightly used household goods and repurposes them for community use, free of charge to the public. Private companies and individuals drop off reusable items and clothing that would otherwise go to the landfill.

The ReUse Center works with a number of other organizations within the community. These include state and local recycling groups, the Family Crisis Center of Ada and other state charitable organizations.

"The ReUse Center is a great resource for the Ada community," said Family Crisis Center Director Sharell Caton. "When we have clients or people in the Ada area who are in need of clothing or household items, we send them there. It's another resource available to us and the community."

The ReUse Center was opened by the tribe in 2010. Since that opening, the facility has distributed more than 261 tons of useable household goods that would have otherwise ended up in landfills. It has served approximately 61,000 community members, about one-third of which have been non-Indians.

The ReUse Center is large, but still it cannot process all the material it receives. Excess inventory is picked up by a Norman, Okla., charity. That inventory is distributed in the Norman area, or sent to impoverished nations that have a need for household items and clothing.

Located on approximately one acre in north Ada, the ReUse Center property is used throughout the year for document shredding, prescription take-back events, electronic recycling and environmental education classes for the community.

The Chickasaw Nation ReUse Center was one of the first of its kind in Oklahoma and the second tribally-funded center in the U.S. Since opening, it has since received state recognition for its community efforts.

The ReUse Center won the state-sponsored "Keep Oklahoma Beautiful" award in 2010.

"Our efforts were recognized as being the most done for the environment by a tribal government that year," Chickasaw Nation environmental specialist Ambrie Johnson said.

With nearly 12,000 employees, the sheer volume of paper used daily by the Chickasaw Nation is enormous. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency estimates 40 percent of landfills are composed of paper products. The tribe encourages the transfer of information by paperless means. Advanced email applications, computerized file storage and dedicated e-learning websites for employees' means less paper used.

This "green initiative" helps make the Chickasaw Nation more efficient in its daily operations. Information is accessible with a few keystrokes at a computer and the cost and time of printing on paper and mailing hard copies of documents to distant tribal facilities is eliminated.

In every office location, recycling collection efforts are taken seriously. Dedicated blue bins labeled with the universal recycling logo are used to collect paper materials and plastics. These presorted materials are then collected and taken to recycling centers across Oklahoma.

For large amounts of paper disposal and for documents containing sensitive materials, the Chickasaw Nation hosts document shredding events semi-annually. These events are free and open to the public.

Since the first Chickasaw Nation shredding event in 2009, more than 28 tons of paper has been recycled. According to the Environmental Center of the University of Colorado, one ton of recycled paper saves 3,700 pounds of lumber, 24,000 gallons of water and 17 full grown trees.

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At last year's Environmental Camp, Joy Savoia of the United State Geological Survey explains what happens to runoff water to students of the Chickasaw Nation Environmental Camp.

Clothing and shoes are some of the many household items taken in by the Chickasaw Nation Reuse Center.

Upcoming Environmental Events in 2013

The Chickasaw Nation is engaged in outreach programs designed to educate employees, tribal members and others who share our community.

The annual Environmental Camp allows students, ages eight to 12, to receive a behind-the-scenes look at ongoing conservation efforts in the state of Oklahoma. The camp features field trips and outdoor classrooms taught by conservation professionals to inspire future learning and careers. This day camp, taking place May 29-31, has a trip to the Oklahoma City Zoo planned.

In partnership with the City of Ardmore, the Chickasaw Nation is sponsoring a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m., May 4 on the south parking lot of Ardmore Regional Park located at 2704 North Rockford Road. This event is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Cindy Gammons at (580) 272-5456.

Chickasaw Nation employees lend a hand collecting and sorting donated clothing at the Chickasaw Nation Reuse Center.

Partnering with the Ada Recycling Coalition, e-waste overflows from the warehouse during a collection event.

Artesian, Cultural Center, Visitor Center, I-35 projects lead the way

Tourism foundation rising in heart of the Chickasaw Nation

SULPHUR, Okla. - Tourism and the hospitality industries are an important part of the economic vitality within the Chickasaw Nation and throughout Oklahoma. The Chickasaw Nation made its first tourism investment in 1972 with the Chickasaw Motor Inn in Sulphur. The tribe's tourism efforts have grown many fold since then.

Sulphur is a historic and ideal location to build a tourism foundation. Over three million people visit Murray County, Okla., each year. Many are drawn to the Chickasaw National Recreation Area, the only unit of the U.S. Park Service within Oklahoma. With its many beautiful springs and artesian wells, abundance of wildlife and proximity to the I-35 corridor, the park and the area continue to draw more visitors.

"It is vital that we continue to look for new opportunities and expand on old ones to diversify our commercial footprint," Gov. Bill Anoatubby said. "We continue to explore the hospitality and tourism industries and seek opportunities to expand on those efforts."

Currently the Chickasaw Nation is putting the final touches on the Artesian Hotel in Sulphur. The Artesian is scheduled to open July 15. It is fitting that the tribe's latest endeavor, and crown jewel in the hospitality industry, is located on the site that was once home to the Chickasaw Motor Inn.

The Artesian is located adjacent to the park's main entrance.

"The park draws many visitors from north Texas and the Oklahoma City area," said U.S. Park Service Ranger Dan Winings. "The hunting, fishing and swimming areas have brought tourism dollars to the local economy since the early 1900s."

Tens of thousands of visitors annually visit the Chickasaw Cultural Center, also located in Sulphur. This stunning campus is located on 109 acres of rolling hills, woodlands and streams. It provides an exceptional educational resource center, as well as a place to share the history and traditions of the Chickasaw people.

The tribe also has a new Visitor Center under construction near the park entrance. The Visitor Center will introduce visitors to the rich history and culture of the Chickasaw Nation and act as information center and entry point for the many Chickasaw attractions.

The Chickasaw Nation contributes to the Sulphur area's continued infrastructure growth. In 2012, the Chickasaw Nation partnered with Murray County to maintain roadways and bridges throughout the county. Previously, the tribe partnered with officials to enhance Charles Cooper Memorial Road, which leads to the Cultural Center.

To support tourist and hospitality destinations in south-central Oklahoma, a 5,500 square-foot Welcome Center has been built on the southwest corner of I-35 and State Highway 7 in Murray County. Information about the hundreds of destinations is shared. On location is two state-of-the-art interactive kiosks that help travelers find and route destinations.

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Earth Day shredding event most successful at ReUse Center

Norma Wallace, Sulphur, visits Ada to shred and recycle her confidential documents.

Businesses, schools, government organizations and community members all took part in making the Chickasaw Nation shredding event held for Earth Day the most successful shredding event to date. Located in Ada, Okla., the ReUse Center collected more than 15 tons of paper materials to be recycled.

"This is the best turnout we have had since the program started four years ago," said Mack Peterson, section head of environmental services at the Chickasaw Nation. "The shredding service had to bring out an extra truck by noon, something that has not happened before."

Major contributors to the amount of paper wastes recycled at the event included East Central University, the school board for Ada Public Schools and a local automobile dealership. The automobile dealership brought six full truckloads of confidential materials, some as old at 10 years, to be immediately shredded.

"We are tickled to use this resource," said Art Chapman, owner of Chaprell Dodge in Ada. "We were able to recycle confidential materials in an environmentally safe way."

The shredding event served more than 100 individual families. As a model of efficiency, Chickasaw Nation employees averaged two minutes to unload the many cars and trucks that used the service. Norma Wallace drove from Sulphur, Okla., to have documents shredded.

"I read about the document shredding in the Chickasaw Times and marked it on my calendar," she said. "I have a little bitty shredder at the house, but I have lots to shred. I decided to drive from Sulphur for the convenience."

During the shredding event, the ReUser Center was open for donations as well.

"I brought some children's clothes, toys and household items," said Aaron Finney of Allen, Okla. "I did not have anything to shred, but wanted to donate things I won't use anymore."

The 15 tons of paper gathered for recycling will save many natural resources and reduce pollution. Using Environmental Protection Agency calculations, 238 less trees will be needed by the paper industry and 98,000 gallons of water will be diverted for other uses. The estimated local land fill space saved is 42 cubic yards, with 700 less pounds of air pollution due to the paper manufacturing processes.

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Aaron Finney, Allen, unloads a van full of slightly used household materials to be donated to the Chickasaw ReUse Center.

Two shredding trucks were needed to dispose of more than 15 tons of paper collected during the Earth Day documents shredding event.

About document shredding events

Twice a year since 2009, the Chickasaw Nation has hosted shredding events open to the public. These are held in Ada at the Chickasaw Nation ReUse Centers because of its environmentally friendly infrastructure.

The document shredding events ensure an individual's confidential and sensitive materials are kept out of the wrong hands. Experts recommend that people and companies shred bills, tax information and bank account information that could be used by thieves to commit identity theft. At Chickasaw Nation sponsored shredding events, documents are immediately destroyed.

Chickasaw runner completes Boston Marathon ahead of deadly bombing

GEORGE FREDERICK TAYLOR

BOSTON – Chickasaw runner George Frederick Taylor always looked forward to the annual Boston Marathon.

"The Boston Marathon really is the holy grail for running," Mr. Taylor said. "It has such history and the citizens there take such pride in it."

The 59-year-old marathoner had run the historic race 10 times previous to this year. It is the "granddaddy" of all marathons and one that consistently delivered feelings of joy and accomplishment.

Until this year.

Mr. Taylor finished the marathon in 3:21:00. It was a good time. He crossed the finish line about 1:45 p.m., then walked about a block to a restaurant and pub.

At 2:50 p.m., a bomb exploded at the finish line. Twelve seconds later, a second bomb exploded about 100 yards down the route. Spectators were cut down. The injured littered the sidewalk, now covered in debris, blood and body parts. Most in the crowd ran. Police officers and medical personnel rushed to the area to assist the wounded and dying.

Mr. Taylor said when he finished the race, he noticed there were more people than usual at the finish line.

"The first thing I noticed was how it seemed there were twice as many people at the finish line," he said. "It was packed all over the place. It seemed that everyone had come out."

The bombing, apparently carried out by two brothers who lived in Boston, killed three, including an eight-year-old boy. Over 280 people were injured, some critically, and a number of the injured lost one or both legs.

The homemade bombs were fashioned with pressure cookers filled with nails, ball bearings and other material. Police have been unable as yet to provide information regarding the motive of the alleged bombers. The attack is the deadliest since 9/11. One of the suspects, the older brother, was killed by police in a shootout. The younger brother was captured in Watertown, Mass. He is now in a prison medical ward recovering from bullet wounds.

When the first bomb exploded, there was conjecture in the restaurant and pub on what the noise might be.

"Most people at first thought a gas canister had exploded, but as news came across we saw that it was something else," Mr. Taylor said. "I was in a noisy restaurant and pub that was crowded and didn't realize the magnitude of what had just happened."

The first images he saw of the tragedy were on the restaurant television screen.

"I left the restaurant and started walking back toward the finish line," he said. "Police had already cordoned off the area. It was surreal because it was packed with people when I left just an hour before, but was so empty at that point. There was debris all along the finish line. The image of that will stay with me forever. It was all so eerily out of place."

Some early news coverage in Boston that day showed critically injured people being cared for by emergency personnel. The coverage also showed severed human limbs on the sidewalk.

"I was hoping that the rest of the country wasn't seeing this," Mr. Taylor said.

He recalled seeing one woman who blamed herself for the injuries sustained by family members.

"Of course, it wasn't her fault," he said. "But it was sad."

Later in the day, Mr. Taylor attempted to connect with other members of his running team.

Although an Oklahoma City resident, Mr. Taylor runs for the Atlanta Track Club, a team he has been running for since 1998. The club had three teams of runners in the race.

All his fellow runners, he said, had all been accounted for.

"After I was struck by what had just happened, I wanted to try and locate friends but we couldn't get through on the phone," he said. "It hadn't occurred to me that others might want to hear from me. We were told to text rather than call, and when I started to get text messages I had 18 come through all at once. I spent the rest of the day texting people back."

Mr. Taylor had always planned to leave Boston the day after the marathon, so he didn't experience any delays in returning to Oklahoma the next evening.

"I will go back next year as long as I can qualify," he said. "I think everyone feels that way. It strengthened everyone's resolve from what I saw when I left."

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Education, health programs lead in total investment

FINANCIAL REPORT

The tribal government caption includes the tribe's general fund and BIA trust funds. The Chickasaw Businesses include all of the businesses and operations of the Division of Commerce. Not included in the financial statements are federally or state funded programs and/or grants and the financial statements of Bank 2 and Chickasaw Nation Industries, Inc.

The growing needs of the businesses are taken into account when determining the transfers from the businesses to the general fund. It is vital to the long range mission of the Chickasaw Nation that the businesses continue to grow and diversify.

Revenues of tribal government, other than the transfer from businesses, include motor fuel settlement funds and investment income. Chickasaw Business revenues include gaming revenues net of prizes and other sales revenues from convenience stores, travel plazas, tobacco stores, other tribal businesses as well as rental and investment income.

Tribal expenditures are classified by function. General government includes the maintenance and operations of tribal property, *the Chickasaw Times* and Governor's and Lt. Governor's offices. Expenditures for education include education scholarships as well as the tribe's Education Department. Health expenditures include eye glasses, hearing aids, prescription drugs, wellness center, community health clinics, catastrophic medical assistance and other similar programs not covered by federal programs or grants.

The businesses' expenditures are classified as to expenses associated with gaming operation of the tribe and the other businesses of the tribe.

Executive Summary of the Financial Statements of the period ending March 31, 2013

Tribal Government

Revenues and transfers from the businesses for operations and fixed assets totaled $12.6 million for the month and $77.7 million year-to-date. Expenditures were $8.6 million for the month and $55.9 million year-to-date.

Chickasaw Businesses

Revenue net of gaming prizes through February totaled $584 million. Net income before the transfers to the Tribal Government was $147.3 million year-to-date. After transfers to the Tribal Government for capital projects and tribal program operations the net income was $72.5 million year-to-date. The net income includes all revenue, including amounts reserved for business growth and expansion.

Statement of Net Assets

At March 31, 2013, the tribal government funds had $211.8 million in cash and investments. Of this amount, $20.6 million is in the BIA Trust funds. This total does not include any federal program funds.

The businesses had $145.3 million in cash and investments which is reserved for accounts payable and business operations.

As of March 31, 2013, tribal operations, excluding federal program funding, had net assets of $1.563 billion.

Chickasaw Nation
Tribal Operations
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
For the Six Months Ended March 31, 2013

		Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Revenues	$	2,942,114	584,122,045	587,064,159
Transfers from businesses to tribal government		74,827,393	(74,827,393)	-
Total funds available		77,769,507	509,294,652	587,064,159
Expenditures				
General government		6,809,273		6,809,273
Legislature		1,307,581		1,307,581
Judiciary		555,079		555,079
Education		10,961,766		10,961,766
Heritage Preservation		7854476		7,854,476
Health		10,338,678		10,338,678
Youth and Family Services		4,992,860		4,992,860
Nutrition Programs		2,872,456		2,872,456
Regulatory		4,080,243		4,080,243
Assistance Programs		6,204,649		6,204,649
Gaming expense			313,788,441	313,788,441
Other businesses' expense			122,994,958	122,994,958
Total expenditures		55,977,061	436,783,399	492,760,460
Increase in net assets		21,792,446	72,511,253	94,303,699
Beginning net assets		658,377,723	810,471,469	1,468,849,192
Ending net assets	$	680,170,169	882,982,722	1,563,152,891

Chickasaw Nation
Tribal Operations
Statement of Net Assets
January 31, 2013

		Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Cash and Investments	$	211,896,729	145,336,377	357,233,106
Receivables		32,407,522	75,149,968	107,557,490
Inventory		155,585	7,782,217	7,937,802
Prepaid expenses			16,950,575	16,950,575
Other Assets			1,202,500	1,202,500
Fixed assets		438,869,017	795,409,143	1,234,278,160
Less payables		(3,158,684)	(158,848,057)	(162,006,741)
Net Assets	$	680,170,169	882,982,722	1,563,152,891

BIRTHS

Amilya Noelle Iker

Amilya Noelle Iker was born 7:13 a.m., October 12, 2012 at Lake Havasu City Regional Hospital, Lake Havasu, Ariz. She weighed 8 lbs., 4 oz., and measured 18 3/4 inches at birth.

She is the daughter of Steve and Lori (Jack) Iker.

Amilya is a direct descendant of Sugar Mary Johnson Jack and Walter Jack, both original enrollees.

Hawk Illetewahke Abdurahman Mater

Hawk Illetewahke Abdurahman Mater was born 2:55 p.m., April 4, 2013 at the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center, Ada, Okla. He weighed 8 lbs., 1.4 oz., and measured 19 inches at birth.

He is the son of Dustin Mater and Titi Mater. He has one sister, Sophie Elizabeth Mater.

He is the grandson of Charlotte Carpenter and William Mater, Nyai Maryam and H. Maman Abduraham and the great-great-grandson of original enrollee Caroline Illetewahke-Hawkins Milligan.

Phoenix Clay John

Phoenix Clay John was born 7:15 p.m., December 20, 2012 at the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center, Ada, Okla. He 7 lbs., 9 oz., and measured 18 inches at birth.

He is the son of Joanna and Travis John, of Sulphur, Okla.

He is the grandson of Norma John, of Tishomingo, Okla., Luther and Judy John, of Milburn, Okla., and Clay and Julie Jack, of Sulphur. He is the great-grandson of June and Dane Morris, Jean Jack and Dorothy Green.

Aunts are uncles are Madeline Jack, Stephanie and Strickland Scott, Christine John, Brandon and Monie John, Kellie and Cody Reynolds and Adrian "Sonny" John.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Taylor Montoya

Taylor Montoya signs with Louisiana Tech

A Chickasaw high school soccer player has signed a letter of intent to play for Louisiana Tech University.

Taylor Montoya plays for Frisco (TX) Centennial High School. She will start at Louisiana Tech this fall.

Miss Montoya plays for the FC, a Dallas Elite Clubs National League squad, when she is not playing high school soccer. She has been named to the All-District first team each of the last four years while playing for Frisco Independent School District. She has also been named most valuable player for two years on the high school squad.

"Taylor is a gifted soccer player who will provide (LTU) with some much-needed steel and strength," said university head coach Kevin Sherry. "She has had a great soccer education with FC Dallas and, as a result, will be an immediate influence on the team."

Taylor is the daughter of Charles and Laurie Montoya and granddaughter of Guy and Gloria McElroy.

Chelsea Burris

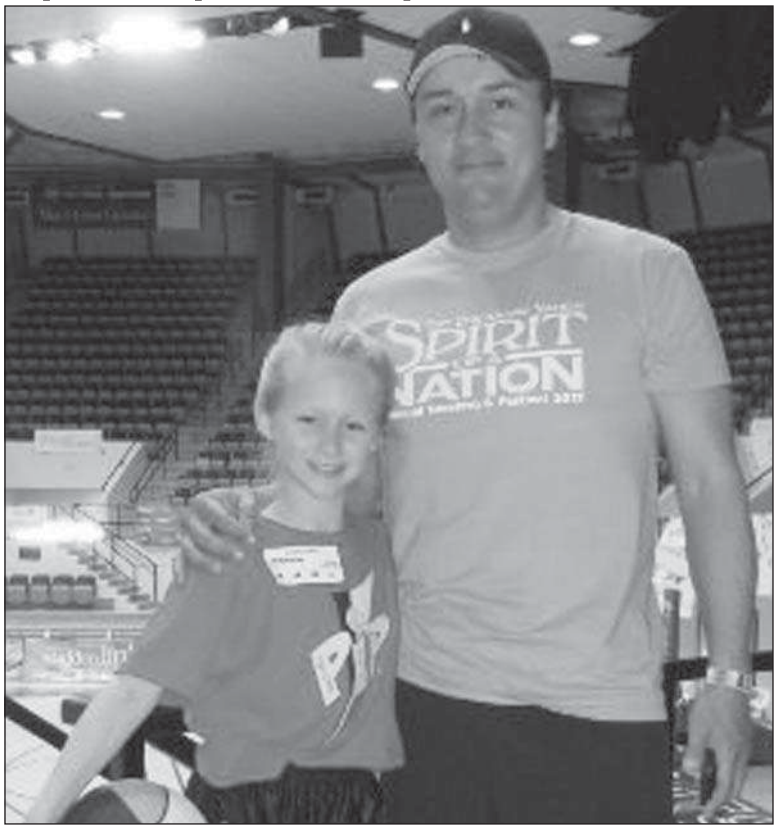
Chelsea Burris awarded Fulbright assistantship

A Chickasaw citizen has been tapped for the prestigious Fulbright English Teaching Assistants program and will spend a year in Germany teaching English.

Chelsea Burris, of Eufaula, Okla., was chosen to participate in the program administered by the U.S. Bureau of Education and Cultural Affairs. It is named for the late U.S. Senator from Arkansas J. William Fulbright who used his influence to use funds from the sale of surplus war property to finance the "promotion of international good will through the exchange of students in the fields of education, culture and science." The program is considered one of the most prestigious international exchange programs worldwide.

She is the daughter of Randy and Robyn Burris, also of Eufaula, and the granddaughter of Claud and Naomi Burris, of Wilson, and Bob and Twyla King, of Eufaula.

Tops in hoops skills competition



Cheyenne Wood with her Dad, Chickasaw tribal legislator Scott Wood.

Three gold medals will bring a smile to any competitor's face and that was the case with Cheyenne Wood, a second-grade student at Tishomingo Elementary.

Cheyenne recently won timed events in obstacle speed dribbling, between the legs dribbling and backward dribbling at a Player in Progress (PIPs) event in Abilene, Texas. PIPs started 27 years ago in Texas. The program specializes in teaching basketball students ball handling and skills to use both hands while competing.

The Abilene competition attracted participants from across the nation.

Cheyenne is the daughter of Chickasaw Legislator Scott Wood and Ashley Wood.

Capt. Terri K. Meyer

Chickasaw officer logs 12 years in U.S. Army

Service to country is the motto of a proud Chickasaw fighting for freedom.

Capt. Terri K. Meyer recently celebrated 12 years in the U.S. Army, following in the footsteps of her grandfather, R.A. Beshirs Sr., and her aunt, Katherine Elizondo. She and her husband, Nathan, are currently stationed in Arizona. Each completed two tours of duty in Iraq.

Mrs. Meyer is the granddaughter of R.A. and Katherine Beshirs, of Tishomingo, Okla. She is the daughter of Thomas and Terry Jo Lightfoot. She and her husband also are the proud parents of a daughter.

Pride in Homeownership Yard Contest

Chickasaw Nation Housing sponsors the "Pride in Homeownership Yard Contest" each spring. This contest runs from May through August and is open to current Homeownership/Mutual Help housing program participants.

Two winners are selected each month from Pontotoc District, Pickens District and Panola/Tishomingo District for the Legislator's Award of a free month's rent. These six winners then advance to compete for the Lt. Governor's Award of a $50 Walmart gift card. Each Lt. Governor's Award winner (four in all) is then eligible for the Governor's Award of a $250 Walmart gift card. This selection is made around October.

You can submit your yard by completing an entry form, by calling (580) 421-8800, or by e-mailing diana.faulkner@chickasaw.net . A Housing representative will be sent to photograph your yard when the entry has been received. Good Luck!

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Chickasaw senior first in art contest

Daniel Leake

The great-grandson of an original Chickasaw enrollee is making waves in the Texas arts community and is being rewarded for his talent with trophies and accolades.

Daniel Leake, a senior at Texoma Christian School in Sherman, Texas, was awarded first place recently for his senior art portfolio in competition at the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools State Art Show.

He also garnered third place for on-site drawing. Artwork was judged on creativity, originality, quality and complexity. Daniel plans to attend Texas A&M University at College Station upon graduation and will major in mechanical engineering.

Daniel's parents are Matt and Celeste Leake, of Sherman. His grandparents are June and the late Don Leake, Howe, Texas, and Boyce and Ouida Moon, also of Sherman. His great-grandmother was Mary Annetta Collins.

Tiffany Woolf

Tiffany Woolf initiated into Phi Kappa Phi

Chickasaw Tiffany Woolf, a senior at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, was initiated into Phi Kappa Phi in April.

Ms. Woolf is a senior majoring in early childhood education. Phi Kappa Phi is the nation's oldest, most selective and prestigious all-discipline honor society. Membership is by invitation only.

Ms. Woolf has achieved a 3.67 GPA while working part-time.

She is the daughter of Ricky and Karen Woolf, of Baytown, Texas. She is the granddaughter of Elaine and the late William Zipperle, of Harrold, Texas, and Gene and Joyce Woolf, of Vernon, Texas.

Chickasaw third-grader competes in math

Nyla Hatton-Willis

Albert Einstein got his start by solving math problems. The great-great-great granddaughter of an original Chickasaw enrollee seems to be following in his footsteps.

Nyla Shawnice Hatton-Wills, a third-grade student at Francis (OK) Elementary School, will competed in April in the SoftSeven Regional Math Competition at the Kiamichi Technology Center in Atoka, Okla. She is hoping to win, place or show so additional math medals will decorate her bedroom, her mother.

Nyla earned her math mettle by finishing in the top 10 at Francis to qualify for the competition.

She is the great-great-great granddaughter of Nannie Wade Leslie, an original Chickasaw enrollee from the Hatton side of the family, and the great-granddaughter of Brownie and Florena Clark, Chickasaw citizens on her father, Shawn Wills', side of the family.

Nyla's mother is Eren Hatton, an administrative aide with the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature. She has a brother, Tyrell Hatton, and numerous family members who work with the Chickasaw Nation.

She'll leave the confines of Francis in May when she graduates into Byng Public Schools.

Chokka' Kilimpi' 5k Run set for May 18 in Oklahoma City

NORMAN, Okla. - The Chickasaw Nation Chokka' Kilimpi' Family Resource Center in Norman will host the Chikashshaat Imanokfila' Ilokchina' "Chickasaw Healthy Minds" 5K Run/Walk on Saturday, May 18 from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The course will begin at Wheeler Park, 1120 S. Western Avenue in Oklahoma City. There is no entry fee and the route is a USA Track & Field-certified course.

The event will also feature a social stickball game, a resource fair, and various children's activities, including a toddler dash and one-mile fun run.

Register online for the Chikashshaat Imanokfila' Ilokchina' 5K Run/Walk, at www.signmeup.com/89263.

Volunteers are needed to staff the event. To learn more about participation, exhibitor registration and volunteer opportunities, contact Renee Wilson at (405) 638-0309 or renee.wilson@chickasaw.net.

Visit www.chickasaw.net/ck for more information about Chokka' Kilimpi' Family Resource Center and resource services provided at the facility.

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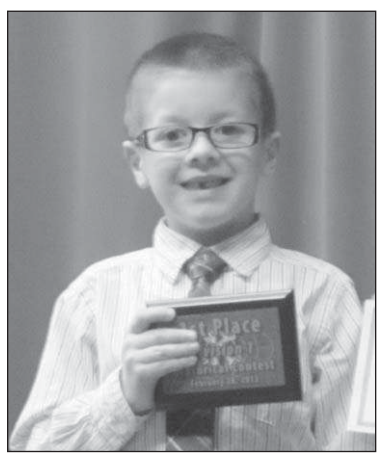
Davis Public School annual Kiwanis Club Oratorical Contest

Jaden Martin

Cole Martin

Jaylee Jennings



Jett Jennings

Four Chickasaw students competing in Davis Public School's annual Kiwanis Club Oratorical Contest waltzed away with awards recently thanks to their skills at public speaking.

It turned into a family affair, with siblings Jaden and Cole Martin and Jaylee and Jett Jennings getting favorable nods from judges. Jaden and Cole are the children of Mike and Jerri Martin. Jaylee and Jett are the children of Jeff and Jodi Jennings.

Jett Jennings finished in first place with his presentation "How to Catch Bigfoot." The award was given in Division One of the competition. Jaylee Jennings finished in second place with a Division II presentation entitled Vacation Destinations.

Cole Martin finished in second place in Division III competition with "An Athlete's Prayer" while sister Jaden finished third in Division V with "Monologue by Mary, Mother of Jesus."

Time with the Governor

Chloe Pulver and Governor Bill Anoatubby.

Changing Winds Princess

Changing Winds Cultural Society 2012 Little Miss Indian Oklahoma City Princess Anoli Billy with Changing Wiinds board member Neil Colbert at the 2013 Changing Winds Miss OKC pageant March 22. Miss Billy and Mr. Colbert are both Chickasaw.

Chickasaw trio at the state capitol

Bo Ellis, center, and Noralene Groves, left, were recently at the State Capitol visiting with state legislators about public school funding. State Rep. Lisa Billy, right, met with the pair. All three are Chickasaws.

NEWS FROM CHICKASAW JUNIOR PRINCESS

Chelsea Wedlow
Chickasaw Jr. Princess

Chokma! Saholhchifoat Chelsea "Sissy" Wedlow. I am the 2012 - 2013 Chickasaw Junior Princess. I am 13 years old and in the eighth grade at Allen Public School.

There are many things I have learned over the past couple of months. For example, whether it is hot or cold the event inside or outside you see us with smile on our face and shaking hands. We represent the Chickasaw Nation and as ambassadors it is important we put forth our best!

Just like at school, we continue to learn and have classes as a princess. We have had language classes with Ms. Vera Tims and history classes with Ms. Michelle Cooke. These things are important for us as young ladies so we understand where we come from.

We have been in attendance to events such as the JOM conference in Tulsa, the 30th Annual Gathering of Nations powwow and Miss Indian World pageant in Albuquerque, New Mexico. In June, we will attend the 27th Annual Red Earth Festival in Oklahoma City. If you see us at an event, come up and say hello.

Thanks for reading.

Chokma'shki,

2012-2013 Chickasaw Jr. Princess

Chelsea Wedlow

Hailey Alexander now a Head Start graduate

Hailey Renee Alexander

Hailey Renee Alexander is a 2013 graduate of the Chickasaw Nation Head Start Program, Ada, Okla.

She is the daughter of Ashlie Naoma Stick and Blake Alexander. She is the granddaughter of Tammy Brown and Roger Stick, both of Ada, and Linda Alexander, of Konawa, Okla., and Leo Alexander, of Ada.

Toula Daily and Nataani Herder

Toula Daily and Nataani Herder are the children of Chesna Dailey and Alex Herder, of Norman, Okla.

Toula and Nataani are our beautiful babies. We love you so much! You taught us how to learn, laugh and love everyday.

Thank you,

Mom and Dada

Kamryn Louise Eubanks

Kamryn Louise Eubanks is the daughter of Joel Eubanks, of Ringling, Okla., and Lindsey Eubanks, of Lone Grove, Okla.

She is the granddaughter of Kent and Linda Eubanks, of McKinney, Texas, Wenona Taliaferro, of Lone Grove, and Robert Bennett, of Ardmore, Okla.

She is the great-granddaughter of WA and Louise Taliaferro, of Lone Grove, Jim and Sarah Snodgrass, of Ringling, Viola Eubanks, of Ringling, and the late Winnie Bennett.

Kamryn turned four years old April 23, 2013. Her hobbies are tball, ballet, feeding her goat, pigs and horses.

As a parent I am so thankful for her being full of life and learning the Chickasaw heritage. Her great-grandmother, Winnie Bennett was a full blood Chickasaw and would be proud of Kamryn learning about her culture.

Kamryn attends the Chickasaw Nation Head Start in Ardmore and has learned how to count to ten in Chickasaw and is very proud of it.

Grazia Fricano

Grazia Fricano is the granddaughter of Clara "Margie" Newberry McFadden, of Sarasota, Fla.

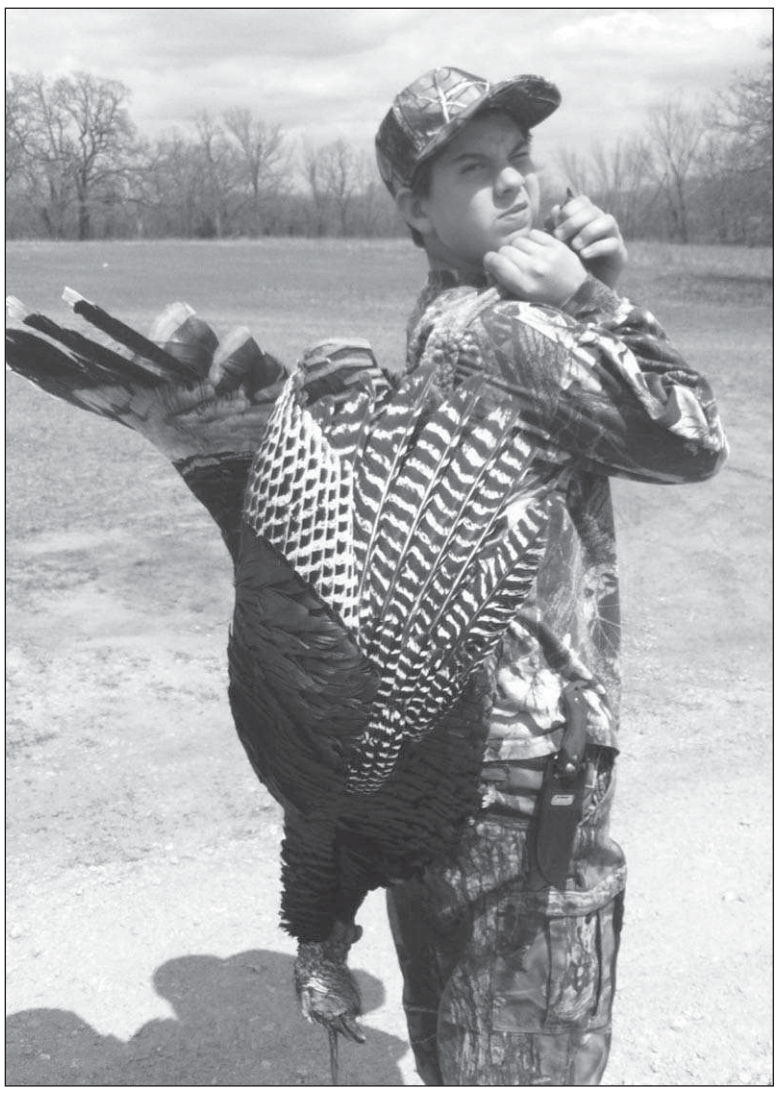
She is an A student and works hard to be the top gymnast that she is.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Chickasaws in politics

Masheli Billy with his mother, State Rep. Lisa Billy, at the Oklahoma State Capitol. Masheli, a senior at Purcell (OK) High school and Chickasaw citizen active in the Chickasaw youth leadership program (CAIP). He also serves as a volunteer at Camp Survivor. Masheli was elected Governor and was chosen as the "Page of the Week" by his peers. As Governor, he wrote and presented a speech on the House Floor during Mock Legislation on the week of March 25-28, 2013. Masheli is the son of Phillip and Lisa J. Billy, of Purcell.

That's one big turkey!



Fourteen-year-old Chickasaw Blayne Walker holds the big tom turkey he harvested recently near Ada, Okla. Blayne killed the bird with a 12-gauge shotgun. Blayne attends Byng (OK) Junior High School. He is the son of Bailey Walker, the grandson of Ruby Long, and the great-grandson of the late Adam C. and Viola Walker, of Ada.

Tops at Youth Language Fair

Byng (OK) School teachers and Chickasaw students wear the 2013 Oklahoma Native American Youth Language Fair t-shirt. The t-shirt design was created by Byng fifth grader and Chickasaw citizen Johnathon Delfrate. Johnathon is the youngest to win the grand prize at this event. Front row from left, Hope Nesdahl, Kendall Bowles, Jaydon Williams, Leslie Daniel, Destiney Guffey, Peyton Ray and Tommie Shieds. Second row from left, Mia Tsosie, Marissa Alberson, Michael Tatum, Johnathon Delfrate, Parker Presley, Richard Brown and Isiah Gore. Third row from left, Lauren Wood, Talon Taylor, Maelyn Canada, Daryn Allison, Lyrik McClarty and Faith Cooper. Back row from left, Cindy Cooper, Becky Henderson, Stephanie Delfrate, Tracy Allison, Joy Crabtree, Amanda Williamson and Nelda Matthews. The Chickasaw students placed first at the 2013 Oklahoma Native American Youth Language Fair in the sixth through eighth grade spoken large group.

Chickasaw Foundation Announces Scholarship Recipients

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The Chickasaw Foundation is pleased to announce Mr. Aaron Montoya as the spring 2013 recipient of the Chickasaw Foundation Fine Arts Scholarship. He is a senior at the University of Texas-Austin majoring in Orchestral Instrument Performance (trumpet).

Ms. Lauren Marlow, a senior at Biola University majoring in business administration with a minor in biblical studies, is one of the spring 2013 recipients of the James & Carolee Cundiff Grants.

Foundation now accepting applications for scholarships

The Chickasaw Foundation is now accepting 2013-2014 scholarship applications.

Numerous college scholarships are available.

Last year, the Chickasaw Foundation awarded 69 scholarships, totaling more than $82,000.

A complete list of available scholarships can be found on the 2013-2014 Chickasaw Foundation Scholarship application. Eligibility and academic requirements are also listed.

Applicants selected for scholarships will be notified by mid-July. Scholarship awards will be paid directly to recipients' designated colleges or universities.

Applications are available at www.chickasawfoundation.org. All applications must be delivered or postmarked by June 1.

For more information, please contact the Chickasaw Foundation at (580) 421-9030.

The mission of the Chickasaw Foundation is to promote the general welfare and culture of the Chickasaw people by supporting educational, health, historical and community activities and programs.

Lula Bynum Bourland Memorial Scholarship for college juniors in Native American Studies

The Chickasaw Foundation is proud to announce the addition of a new scholarship.

The Lula Bynum Bourland Memorial Scholarship is for a full-time junior, senior or graduate Chickasaw student at an accredited college or university. The student must be pursuing a degree in Native American studies, peace education studies, sustainable resource studies or a related field to perpetual growth as an economic model.

Contact the Foundation office at (580) 421-9030 or e-mail ChickasawFoundation@chickasaw.net for information regarding this scholarship.

March 2013 Outstanding Achievement Award recipients

Outstanding Overall Achievement

Annah Baykal

Annah Baykal, 18, daughter of Turk and Jana Baykal, of Edmond, Okla., is a March 2013 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Academic Achievement award.

Annah Baykal

Annah is in 12th grade at Edmond Memorial High School and was nominated by Edmond Public Schools Indian Education Coordinator Sydna Yellowfish.

"Annah accomplishes many goals she set for herself," Ms. Yellowfish said. "Her academics are exceptional."

Annah loves to cook and is captain of the varsity swim team. She is a member of the Oklahoma Indian Student Honor Society as well as the National Honor Society. Next year, Annah plans to go to college and would like to go to medical school.

Outstanding Academic Achievement

Mary Bronwen Chalkley

Mary Bronwen Chalkley, 16, daughter of Linda Sealy and Roger Chalkley, of Brentwood, Tenn., is a March 2013 the recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Academic Achievement award.

Mary Bronwen Chalkley

Mary is in the eleventh grade at Brentwood High School and was nominated by English Advanced Placement and Composition teacher Mark A. Baker.

"Mary is a hard-working and intelligent student who has taken ownership of her learning from the first day of class," Mr. Baker said. "She has not let up since, embracing the chance to learn."

Mary enjoys art reading and traveling. She plans to attend college, followed by medical school and eventually would like to become a pediatrician.

"Medicine has always been so fascinating to me," Mary said. "I never wanted to do anything else."

Jaysun Edwards

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Jaysun Edwards, son of Justin and Dawn Edwards, of Ada, Okla., is a March 2013 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Academic Achievement award.

Jaysun is in the second grade at Latta Elementary School and was nominated by Latta Elementary School Teacher, Kristi Smith.

"Jaysun has made tremendous progress this year," Ms. Smith said.

Jayson likes fishing, swimming, camping and video games. He aspires to be a firefighter or work with animals one day.

Outstanding Citizenship

Brady Jarrett

Brady Jarrett, son of Lee and Joeanna Jarrett, of Roff, Okla., is a March 2013 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Citizenship award.

Brady Jarrett

Brady is in the ninth grade at Roff High School and was nominated by Roff High School Business Computer teacher, Tammy Anderson

"Brady is a very hard worker," Ms. Anderson said. "I have him in two classes and Brady gets his work done very quickly, and then he walks around and tries to help others."

Brady enjoys basketball, archery and driving. Brady is a member of the Chickasaw Honor Club and 4-H. Brady aspires to be a mechanic in the future.

Hunter Weems

Hunter Weems, 12, daughter of Michael and Loraine Weems, of Ada, Okla., is a March 2013 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Citizenship award.

Hunter Weems

Hunter is in the fifth grade at Latta Elementary School and was nominated by Latta Elementary School teacher, Marci Isaacs.

"Hunter is one of the most respectful students I have," Ms. Isaacs said. "She always acts in kindness towards both teachers and students. I know I can always count on her consistency in friendliness and sweetness during the daily class time!"

Hunter enjoys reading, drawing and basketball. She also enjoys spending time with her family, fishing and camping.

Outstanding Achievement in Music

Evan Wolfe

Evan Wolfe, 17, son of Rodney and Tammy Wolfe, of Quinian, Texas, is a March 2013 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement in Music award.

Evan Wolfe

Evan is in the eleventh grade at Quinian Ford High School and was nominated by Quinian Ford High School Director of Fine Arts and Band Martin R. Fillp.

"Evan is an outstanding student that exhibits strong leadership qualities," Mr. Fillp said.

Evan enjoys music and video games. He is in the National Honor Society and aspires to go to college and get his degree in music education

"I want to show how powerful the music can be and how it speaks with or without words," Evan said.

Kristen Wolfe

Kristen Wolfe, 14, daughter of Rodney and Tammy Wolfe, of Quinian, Texas, is a March 2013 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement in Music award.

Kristen Wolfe

Kristen is in the eighth grade at Thompson Middle School and was nominated by Thompson Middle School Band Director Kyle Cusey.

"Kristen displays a willingness to learn and go above and beyond the status quo," Mr. Cusey said. "She is eager to learn new things and always willing to help when needed."

Kristen enjoys playing the flute and is president of NJHS. When she graduates she plans to attend college and become a music educator or band director.

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2012 - 2013 Chickasaw Princesses from left, Chickasaw Junior Princess Chelsea Wedlow, Little Miss Chickasaw Taylor Roberts, and Chickasaw Princess Autumn Underwood.

Have you ever thought about being a Chickasaw Princess or just want more information about the princess program? **Contact Information:** Chickasaw Princess Program, 231 Seabrook Road, Ada, OK 74820, Mary Hartley, Princess Program Coordinator, (580) 310-9539 or email mary.hartley@chickasaw.net

'Chickasaw People: The Spirit of a Nation'

Young Chickasaw authors honored during Anoli' writing contest

Anoli' writing contest division one Best Overall honor was received by James Gillet for his short story, "Nuske." James received a custom made flute donated by JW Customs Flutes, Wendell Pettigrew and Jack Pettigrew. From left, Wendell Pettigrew, James Gillet and Jack Pettigrew as James accepts the flute.

The Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities celebrated Youth Arts Month during the month of March. The month concluded with a celebration at the Chickasaw Community Center in Ada, Okla. on March 23. The Chickasaw Nation and local organizations set up arts and crafts booths and more than 50 students attended. The celebration included a martial arts demonstration by the Chickasaw Nation Martial Arts class and division one winners of the Anoli' writing contest were announced.

The Anoli' writing contest is a creative writing contest divided into three divisions: grades six through eight, grades nine through 12 and young adults through age 24.

The 2013 topic was "Chickasaws People: the Spirit of a Nation." The 2013 division one winners in poetry are first place, Starla Wood with "The Spirit of the Nation;" second place, Audra Akerman for "Old Ways;" third place, James Gillet for "The Spirit"; and honorable mention, Daniel Redman for "People."

Division one essay winners include: first place, James Gillet for "The Chickasaws after the Civil War;" second place, Zeke Russell for "Chickasaw People: The Spirit of a Nation"; third place, Daniel Redman for "Small."

In the short story category James Gillet placed first for "Nuske." James Gillet's short story, "Nuske" was selected as Best Overall in division one. James received a custom made flute donated by JW Customs Flutes, Wendell Pettigrew and Jack Pettigrew. The hand crafted flute is part of a signature series and came with a certificate and number that will belong to that flute called Nashoba.

The Anoli' writing contest winners for division two and three will be announced at a later date.

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Chikasha Apihchi Ikbi students explore Southwestern culture

Students from the Chikasha Apihchi Ikbi program spent Spring Break on a cultural trip to New Mexico. Excursions included a visit to Acoma Pueblo Sky City. Front row from left, Talisa Smith, Taylor Taliaferro, Kelsey Norton, Brock Bolding and Kayla Hook. Second row from left are Tristin Lackey, Lori Barrett, Makayla Qualls, Annie Wall, Savannah Brown, Kevin Hickman, Alicia Cooper, Josh Neesmith, Katrina Asberry and Kale Tiger. Third row from left, Dylan Kramer, Nahinli Billy, Ciera Cox, Shelby Smith, Meagan Gaines, Christian Steidley and Faithlyn Seawright. Back row from left, Jess Buss and Deondre Kendrick.

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. - Members of Chikasha Apihchi Ikbi (Creating Chickasaw Leaders) participated in a cultural trip to New Mexico over Spring Break.

Twenty-four Chickasaw youth spent four days exploring Southwestern Native American culture in and around Albuquerque. Students attending were ages 14 through 18.

The students learned about the art, culture and history, past and present at Sky City Cultural Center and Haak'u Museum.

A National Trust for Historic Preservation-designated site, Sky City is a living community of the Acoma Pueblo tribe built on a 367-foot sandstone bluff. At nearly 6,500 feet above sea level, Acoma Pueblo Sky City is the continent's oldest continuously inhabited community.

"I really enjoyed visiting the Acoma Pueblo Sky City Cultural Center," Tristin Lackey, 16, of Milburn, Okla. said. "The experience gave us a look into the history of other Indian cultures, and opened our eyes to what life was like and how it has changed,"

On a guided educational tour, students examined museum exhibits recounting the historic journey of the Acoma Pueblo people and visited the Gaits'i (beautiful) Indian Art Gallery, home to a stunning collection of Native American pottery, turquoise jewelry and other artisan-crafted works of art.

Following the museum and gallery tour, the students created pieces during a hands-on pottery class.

"They were instructed to make whatever came to mind," Kris Darbison, youth leadership coordinator, said. "I was impressed with what they came up with. The students sculpted everything from traditional Native American coil pots to animals to an intricately detailed pueblo house."

The Chikasha Apihchi Ikbi students also enjoyed traditional, regional foods and ventured into the heart of Sky City on a guided tour.

To this day, a number of Acoma Pueblo citizens live suspended in time, without access to many modern amenities including electricity, running water and sewer systems.

"The pueblo village was an eye-opener," Tristin said. "The fact that there is no air conditioning or running water made us feel really fortunate for all we have."

Before heading back home to Oklahoma, the students went on a spooky ghost town tour in Old Albuquerque and skied at Ski Santa Fe.

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Chikasha Apihchi Ikbi Program

Chikasha Apihchi Ikbi is a Chickasaw Nation youth leadership program open to Chickasaw students ages 14 to 18.

The 12-month program provides youth with leadership opportunities .

Chikasha Apihchi Ikbi students learn about government and self-governance, professional etiquette, relationship enhancement training, abstinence education, budgeting, core values, leadership and professional relations trainings and much more.

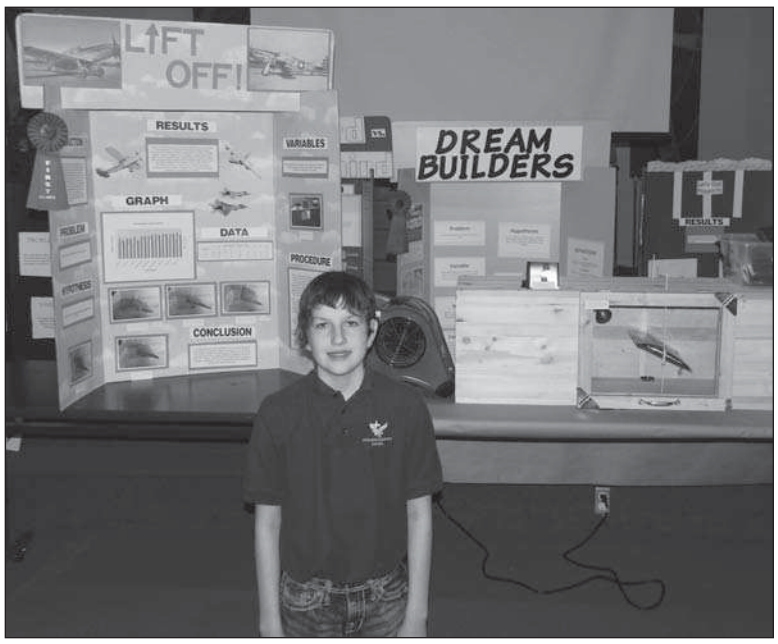
During the 12-month program, students engage in a variety of events including government building and facilities tours, a two-day tribal tour, a week-long educational trip, college visits and community service opportunities.

To be eligible, students must have a valid CDIB card, attend scheduled leadership seminars and 75 percent of regular community meetings, maintain a GPA of 2.5 or higher and be committed to setting a positive example for other young people.

For more information about Chikasha Apihchi Ikbi, contact Chickasaw Nation Youth Services at (580) 310-6620.

An interest in aerospace

Chickasaw eighth-grader, aspiring engineer tops at science fair



Chickasaw eighth-grader Jacob Nichols took home the top prize for his project titled, "Lift Off," at the Ardmore Christian School Annual Science Fair. Jacob's experiment tested the effect of wind speeds on air foils.

A Chickasaw eighth-grader has recently taken top honors at his school science fair.

Jacob Nichols, 14, took first place at the Ardmore Christian School Annual Science Fair in April.

"I was really excited about winning, because I worked really hard on my project this year," Jacob said.

Jacob's win came to no surprise to the staff at the Chickasaw Nation Science, Technology and Math (STM) Academy.

"We are so proud of Jacob here at the STM Academy," STM manager Oscar Gore said. "Jacob is an exceptional young man and he works very hard to make sure he does things correctly."

A three-year veteran of the Chickasaw Nation Aviation and Space Academy (CNASA), Jacob drew inspiration for his science project from his experience in the summer program. His project featured an exhibit on aerodynamic lift.

"I wanted to do a project about how airplanes fly, and I wanted to show the effects of wind speeds on air foils," Jacob said.

To test the lift, Jacob made wing-shaped foam replicas of air foils and built a wind tunnel.

In the end, the smaller, thinner wings lifted the highest, and all of the wings lifted at higher speeds.

Jacob has been involved with the Chickasaw Nation For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (FIRST) robotics teams for the past two years.

He is also a member of the Ardmore FIRST Lego League "Mechanical Masterminds" team.

"Jacob has played a crucial role on the Mechanical Masterminds team because of his programming abilities with the NXT brick," Mr. Gore said. "The NXT brick is the brain for the robots."

Jacob enjoys building robotics kits and playing the guitar. He plans to earn a pilot's license and study aerospace engineering at the University of Oklahoma.

Jacob is the son of Joey and Milissa Nichols.

Current version of GED test set to expire

The current version of the GED test will expire at the end of this year. Incomplete test scores will also expire.

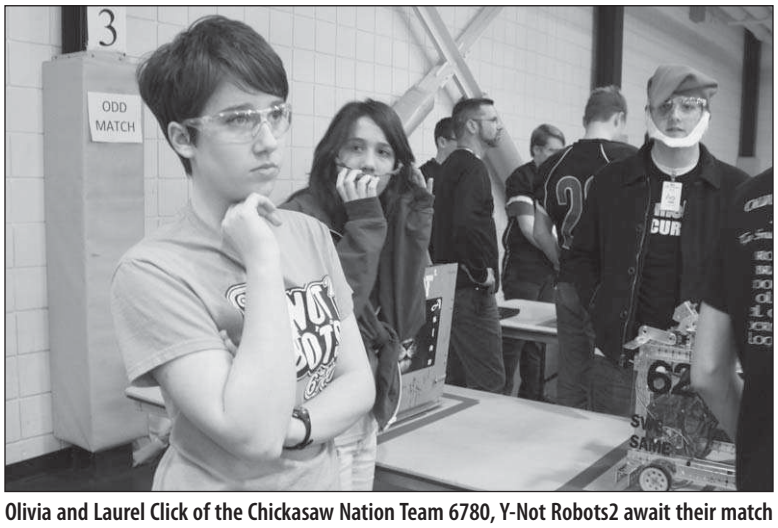
GED students who have not finished and passed every section by the end of 2013 will be required to start over with the new 2014 GED test.

The GED test contains five parts that can be taken separately, but must all be passed to receive the GED certificate. The new GED test will be based on emerging national and state standards. The test will be delivered solely on computer and offered only in official testing centers.

The Chickasaw Nation offers the adult learning program, which provides academic assistance to adults who have dropped out of high school and want to complete the GED. The program is open to Native Americans ages 18 and older living within the Chickasaw Nation. Chickasaw citizens receive preference, then other Native Americans with a valid CDIB and referring agency. Classes are located in Ada, Ardmore and Sulphur.

For more information, call (580) 421-7711 or email shirley.machin@chickasaw.net.

Y-Not Robots2



Olivia and Laurel Click of the Chickasaw Nation Team 6780, Y-Not Robots2 await their match call-up at a March 2 FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC) competition in Weatherford, Okla. The Y-Not Robots2 made it to the semi-finals. FTC Team 4224, Y-Not Robots competed in the finals, but fell just short of the World Championships.

Front row from left, Indian Science Bowl participants Amber Whitehead Talullah Begaye and Zitkana LaFromboise. Back row from left, Silas Wolf (Coach), Tyner Moring, Aaron Eyachabbe, Melanie Lawson (Coach).

Chickasaw students moving on to National Middle School Science Bowl competition in Washington, D.C.

After a win at the March Intertribal Middle School Science Bowl in Albuquerque, N.M., five Native American students from Norman Public Schools traveled to Washington, D.C., for the April 25-29 National Middle School Science Bowl.

Co-coached by Chickasaw educator Silas Wolf and Choctaw citizen Melanie Lawson, two Chickasaw students – sixth-grader Aaron Eyachabbe and seventh-grader Talullah Begaye - were a part of the winning Intertribal team.

Other team members include Amber Whitehead, Muscogee Creek; Zitkana LaFromboise, Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate; and Tyner Moring, Comanche.

Sponsored by the American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES) and the U.S. Department of Energy, the competition involved 20 teams from across the nation.

Questions at the Intertribal Bowl covered life science, earth science, general science and mathematics.

Students on the Norman team were selected from participants in the Indian Education science club, a partnership between Norman Public Schools Indian Education and the University of Oklahoma ConocoPhillips School of Geology and Geophysics.

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Tradition of Community Health Representatives' consistent care now in its 44th year

Carol Fox checks Louie Brown's blood sugar level at the Kullihoma senior center.

Cheryl Willis has no trouble recalling the most unusual event she ever experienced during her 10 years as a Community Health Representative.

"I got a call from a gentleman," Mrs. Willis said. "He said, 'Cheryl, my eye fell out. Can you come put it back in?'"

Mrs. Willis said her client had a prosthetic eye and she had been taking him to the eye doctor for years and watched how the prosthetic was cleaned and fitted during his examinations. The prosthetic had loosened up after a recent eye exam and dislodged completely after the client returned home.

Even though it was late in the evening, Mrs. Willis made the trip to her client's home.

"It's like a contact lens," she said. "If you want me to put it back in, I'll be happy to do it. If I start to hurt you, let me know."

Mrs. Willis thoroughly cleaned and reinserted the prosthetic.

"I just popped it back in, no problem," she said.

Mrs. Willis' story illustrates that a tribe's Community Health Representatives (CHRs) are often the first-line responders for many of its citizens. A CHR will often take on many roles during the course of her job. They are health providers, counselors, social workers, mentors and tribal ambassadors. Many also become close friends of the clients they serve.

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> **Governor Bill Anoatubby**

"The CHR program has been one of the longest running, most successful initiatives we offer," Gov. Bill Anoatubby said. "That consistent contact between CHRs and citizens has been critical to the health and well-being of thousands of Chickasaw people."

The Chickasaw Nation was one of the earliest tribes to employ CHRs. The tribe hired its first CHR in 1969. Today, there are 23 CHRs working out of eight tribal area offices. These ladies serve Indian clients in all 13 counties of the Chickasaw Nation.

Chickasaw CHRs offer a wide range of services to client. They take blood pressure and blood sugar levels, perform basic health checks and provide information about various tribal programs.

The program also administers free rabies clinics and conducts elder home health visits.

Pat Woods has been employed with the tribe for more than 36 years. She was one of the first tribal employees and began her career as a CHR. Mrs. Woods agreed that the CHRs have been a key asset for many years in the Chickasaw Nation.

"Being a CHR was so rewarding," she said. "In those early years, it gave you the opportunity, if you had the initiative, to do whatever it took to help. I think the CHR program gave the tribe the foundation to build programs and services to make life better for Indian people.

"We documented the need for better health care, housing, employment and services for youth and our elders. As the Chickasaw Nation has progressed, we have seen many of our dreams come true. Our leaders had the commitment and persistence to help bring about all our positive accomplishments. I am thankful and proud to have been a part of it."

Cheryl Willis reviews a health document that her client Jerlene Lamb received in the mail.

The CHR program started in 1968 as a federal program. It was the first tribally contracted program. CHR services are administered by the tribes and are available to Indians living within tribal boundaries. CHRs are charged with delivering health education and practices set by the IHS and American Indian and Alaska Native tribes.

The program has grown nationally to include more than 1,400 CHRs representing more than 250 tribes. Services offered by the CHR program can include patient advocacy, liaison between clients and tribal and community resources, patient education and health promotion/disease prevention.

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Rabies Clinics Scheduled

Native American pet owners are invited to bring their cats and dogs for free vaccinations at one of several rabies clinics planned this summer. Participants should bring CDIB or tribal citizenship cards. Vaccinations quantities are limited, first come first serve.

Ada
Dates: May 8
Time: 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Location: 529 S. Latta Road (The Chickasaw Nation landscaping building)
Contact : 580-436-7256

Ardmore
Dates: May 10
Time: 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Location: 949 Locust Street (old senior site at Carter Seminary Complex
Contact: 580-226-4821

Duncan
Date: May 15
Time: 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Location: 1911 West Plato (Duncan Area Office)
Contact: 580-470-2131

Pauls Valley
Date: May 8
Time: 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Location: 507 S. Willow (Pauls Valley Area Office)
Contact: 405-207-9883

Purcell
Date: June 12
Time: 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Location: 1603 S. Green Ave. (Purcell Area Office)
Contact: 405-527-4973

Sulphur
Date: May 8
Time: 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Location: 4970 W. Hwy. 7 (Sulphur Area Office)
Contact: 580-622-8888

Colbert
Date: June 7
Time: 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Location: 1015 Moore Ave. (Ponola Senior Center)
Contact: 580-371-9512

Enos
Date: May 3
Time: 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Location: 1400 Enos Road (Enos Community Center)
Contact: 580-371-9512

Campers gather for Spring Hayaka Unta

BROMIDE, Okla. – Chickasaw campers enjoyed fishing, archery and canoeing during Hayaka Unta camp at Camp Simpson. Thirty campers gathered April 6-7 for the spring session.

Hayaka Unta camp also included a high ropes course.

Storytelling in the Chickasaw language by Matt Clark, and traditional stickball games added a significant cultural component to the weekend.

Spring Hayaka Unta was an experience of firsts for many attendees, including a Chickasaw mother and son from Oregon. The duo enjoyed the beautiful weather and atmosphere, and caught their first fish since relocating to Oklahoma.

"I caught 11 fish in 30 minutes," the young boy said. "It was awesome, and the food was great!"

Two Hayaka Unta overnight camp sessions each year, one in the spring and a second in the fall. Applications for the October 18-20 camp are now being accepted.

At Hayaka Unta, Chickasaw youth and their parents or guardians share quality time together, and enjoy Camp Simpson's natural beauty.

Up to 20 students, ages eight to 18, are selected for Hayaka Unta camp. Students may choose one parent or guardian to accompany him or her. Application deadline for the fall session is September 13.

Applications are available at www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps. For more information, contact the division of youth services at (580) 310-6620.

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Hayaka Unta camper, Abigail Nunn, 12, shows off the catch-of-the-day at Camp Simpson in Bromide, Okla. Abigail and her sister Madyson attended the April 6-7 overnight family camp with their parents.

May, June Application Deadlines

Mark Your Calendars for 2013 Camps and Academies

Applications are still being accepted for many 2013 Chickasaw Nation youth camps, events and academies. A number of tribal divisions work together to offer a variety of educational and recreational activities for youth to explore new opportunities and learn new skills. Application deadlines are fast approaching, with several in May and June.

Chickasaw Language Immersion Family Camp
Tatanka Ranch, Stroud, Okla.
June 16-21 (three sessions)
Application deadline: May 15
Open to Chickasaw families

This overnight camp is designed to promote the use of the Chickasaw language within Chickasaw families. Camp activities include kayaking, canoeing, swimming, fishing, gardening and other activities with primary instruction being through Chickasaw language. This is an overnight camp and participants must have transportation to and from camp. To learn more, visit www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps. For more information, or to obtain an application, contact Rachel Wedlow at (580) 272-5540.

Yaakni Inaalhpisaat Chokma "Justice for a Nation" Court Camp
Tribal Judicial Building, Ada, Okla.
July 11-12
Application deadline June: 1
Open to Chickasaw students ages 8-15

A two-day clinic that educates students about the operations of the tribe's court system, this camp emphasizes leadership and personal growth. Students will also tour CLEET, the Chickasaw Nation Legislature building and the Chickasaw Cultural Center. Students will be introduced to individuals who support the courts such as Lighthorse Police, judges, justices, peacemakers and court clerks. Each student will also have a part in a mock trial. Applications are available at www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps. For more information, contact Connie Tillery at (580) 235-0281 or Connie.Tillery@chickasaw.net.

Chickasaw Lighthorse Police Youth Academy
June 24-27
Lighthorse Police Headquarters, Ada, Okla.
Application deadline: June 3
Open to Native American youth ages 9-15

The Chickasaw Lighthorse Police Youth Academy provides an excellent opportunity for Native American youth to explore a career in law enforcement. Students will hear from law enforcement personnel and will also learn life skills such as CPR, communication, safety and crime prevention. Twenty-five Native American youth will be selected. Chickasaw youth will be given first priority for the camp. Applications are available at www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps. For more information, contact Brent Harper at (580) 436-1166 or at brent.harper@chickasaw.net.

Himitta Alhiha Hochokoshkomo "The Youth are Playing"
Chickasaw Language Sports Camp
Various locations
July 22-26
Application deadline: June 5
Open to Chickasaw youth grades 1-6.

Himitta Alhiha Hochokoshkomo is designed to promote the use of the Chickasaw language in an interactive, athletic environment. Sports included in the camp are: To'li' (stickball), basketball, softball, volleyball, soccer, and numerous other games and activities. Participants must have transportation to and from camp. Camp participation is limited to 30 campers per day. For an application and more information, contact Clovis Hamilton at (580) 272-5592 or visit www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps.

Native American Junior Open
Lakeview Golf Course, Ardmore, Okla.
June 7
Application deadline: On-site registration
$20 registration fee required
Open to Native American youth ages 8-18

The Native American Junior Open allows youth to experience a tournament atmosphere, without the pressures of a school or association tournament. It is also a Team Chickasaw qualifying tournament for Chickasaw youth ages 12-18. Team Chickasaw will participate in various tournaments throughout the year. The $20 registration fee covers the cost of green fees, lunch and range balls. Pre-registration is not available. For more information contact the division of youth services at (580) 310-6620 or visit www.chickasaw.net.

Hayaka Unta
Camp Simpson
October 18-20
Application deadline: September 13
Open to Chickasaw students ages 8-18

The goal of this overnight camp is to give Chickasaw youth and their parent or guardian, an opportunity to share quality time together, while enjoying the natural beauty of the outdoors. Hayaka Unta allows youth and their parent or guardian the opportunity to strengthen their relationship, in a safe, wholesome and enjoyable environment, away from the everyday distractions of life. Camp activities include fishing, skeet shooting, hiking, archery and much more. Camping is primitive style in a provided tent. A total of 20 students will be selected to attend this unique camp. Students may choose either a male or female parent or guardian to accompany them. From those applicants not selected to attend this camp, 20 more campers will be chosen to attend the Hayaka Unta Spring camp at the same location in April 2014. Applications are available at www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps. For more information, contact the division of youth services at (580) 310-6620.

Halloween Lock-In
Norman
October 25
Application deadline: September 20
Open to Chickasaw youth ages 8-18

Students who attend this Halloween themed lock-in will participate in mini-bowling, Go-Karts, batting cages, mini-golf, climbing wall, bumper cars, bumper boats, arcade and lots of other fun activities. A pizza and soda buffet will be provided during the event. The lock-in will also feature door prize drawings and a Halloween costume contest. Chickasaw youth will receive first priority. Students will not be allowed to leave the facility until doors open October 26. If needed, transportation will be provided from Tishomingo, Davis, Ardmore, Purcell and Ada. Applications are available at www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps. For more information, contact the division of youth services at (580) 310-6620.

Application Information

Submitting an application does not guarantee selection to the camp. Applicants should be aware once acceptance to a youth services event has been determined, attendance is required. If circumstances prevent attendance, selection for future events may be hindered.

For more information or to obtain an application, contact the division of youth services at (580) 310-6620. Return application(s) to the Chickasaw Nation Division of Youth Services, 231 Seabrook Road, Ada, OK 74820 or fax to (580) 310-6626. Additional information is available at www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps. Applications may be submitted by mail, fax or online.

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Chickasaw Foundation Staff attends Conferences

Johnna R. Walker, executive director, and Tracie Carter, special projects coordinator for the Chickasaw Foundation, attended the Association of Fundraising Professionals 50th International Conference on Fundraising on April 7 - 9 in San Diego, California. Ms. Walker and Ms. Carter are both members of the Association of Fundraising Professionals. Ms. Walker served as the 2010 President of the Oklahoma chapter.

The Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) represents nearly 30,000 members in more than 190 chapters throughout the world, working to advance philanthropy through advocacy, research, education and certification programs. The association fosters development and growth of fundraising professionals and promotes high ethical standards in the fundraising profession.

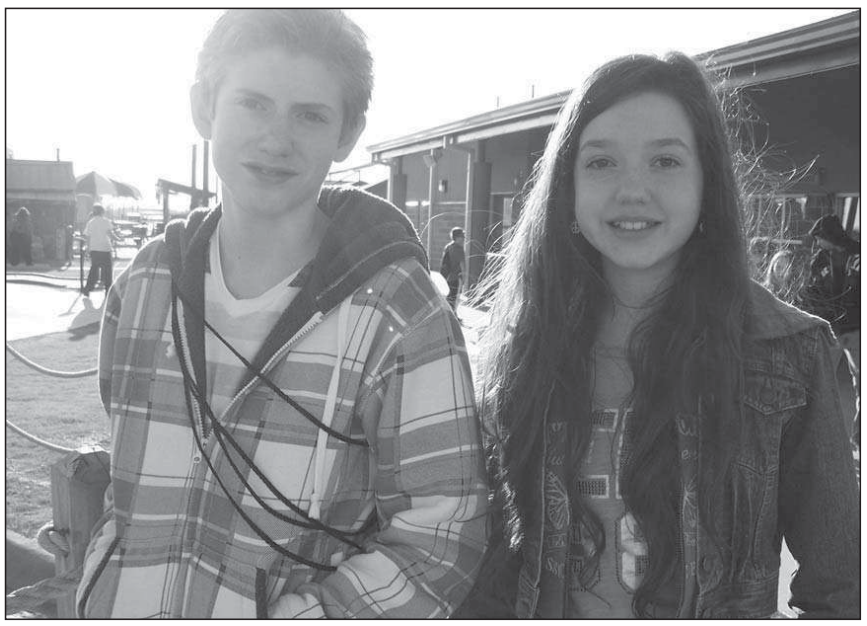
(Information obtained from the Association of Fundraising Professionals website)

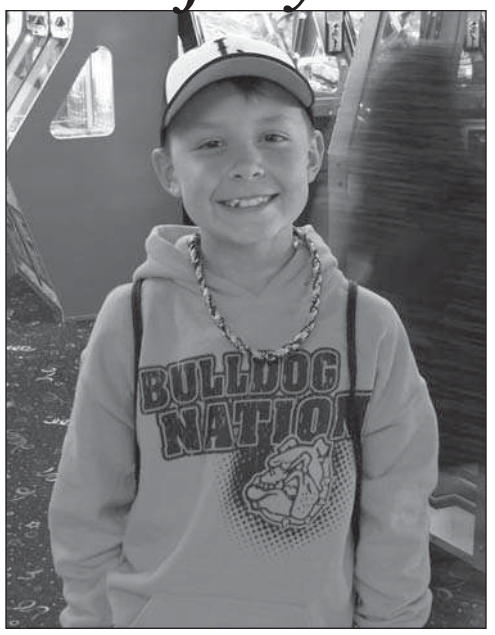
Ms. Johnna R. Walker attended the 8th Annual Native Philanthropy Institute: Philanthropy Ignited, Relationships, Communities, and Innovations on April 2nd – 5th in Tulsa, Oklahoma at the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino. Ms. Walker is a board member for Native Americans in Philanthropy and was elected to the position of secretary during the institute. Congratulations, Ms. Johnna R. Walker!

The goal of the institute is to ignite philanthropy to advance its role of supporting Native communities, and create opportunities for attendees to build new and deepen existing relationships. They also elevate connections between philanthropy and Native communities and help identify innovative approaches to furthering their work.

(Information obtained from the Native Americans in Philanthropy website)

Chickasaw Honor Club members celebrate successful year





2012-2013 Chickasaw Honor Club members celebrated their achievements with an end of year party at Andy Alligator's in Norman, Okla., on April 11. Nearly 140 students were in attendance. Similar celebrations took place on April 16 at Skateland in Ardmore, Okla. and on April 18 at Lazer Zone Family Fun Center in Ada, Okla. Clockwise from top left, Andre Underwood playing miniature golf, brother and sister Donnie and Adrianna Burris, Ezra Faukenberry, mother and son, Carla and Rendon Parnacher.

Walking to Stomp Out Sexual Assault

In recognition of Sexual Assault Awareness Month, from left, Heather Harjo, Karen Holland, Ariel Snodgrass, Joanna McCollister, Devon Monroe and Quenna Harris joined hundreds of citizens in the "Walkto Stomp Out Sexual Assault" walk on Saturday, April 6 at Wintersmith Park in Ada.

Chickasaw Nation Martial Arts Program

Martial Arts Manager:
Matt Clark PhD

Achille Class

Youth and Family Center Achille
104 West Main
Tuesday
5:30 – 6:15- Little Warriors 6& Under
6:30 – 7:30 – Kids Class ages 7-15
8:00 – 9:00 – Adult Class

Ada Class

Chickasaw Family Life Center
229 Seabrook
Monday
5:30 – 6:00-Little Warriors 3-4 year olds
6:00 – 6:30-Little Warriors 5-6 year olds
6:30 – 7:30 –Kids Class ages 7-15
8:00 – 9:00 – Adult Class
Thursday
5:30 – 6:00- Little Warriors 3-4 year olds
6:00 – 6:30- Little Warriors 5-6 year olds
6:30 –7:30-Kids Class ages 7-15
8:00 – 9:00 – Adult Class

Ardmore Class

Wellness Center
911 Locust N.W.
Monday
5:30 – 6:00-Little Warriors 3-4 year olds
6:00- 6:30-Little Warriors 5-6 year olds
6:30 – 7:30 – Kids Class ages 7-15
8:00 – 9:00 – Adult Class
Thursday
5:30 – 6:00-Little Warriors 3-4 year olds
6:00- 6:30-Little Warriors 5-6 year olds
6:30 – 7:30 – Kids Class
8:00 – 9:00 – Adult Class

Purcell Class

Youth and Family Center Purcell
1603 S. Green Ave.
Monday
5:30-6:00-Little Warriors 3-4 year olds
6:00-6:30-Little Warriors 5-6 year olds
6:30-7:30 Kids class ages 7-15
8:00-9:00 Adult Class

Thursday
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8:00-9:00 Adult Class

Sulphur Black Dragons

215 West Muskogee Street.
Wednesday
6:00 – 7:00 – Kids & Adult Class

Assistant Instructors
Matt Guzman
Adam Whitney—Brooke Shackelford
Amanda Shackelford

Sulphur Boys&Girls Club, Tishomingo Boys&Girls Club

Victoria (Tori) Miller

Victoria (Tori) Miller is a 2013 graduate of Tishomingo High School, Tishomingo, Okla. She is the daughter of Tommy and Sherie Miller. She is the granddaughter of Marie Miller, the late Ben Miller, the late Barbara Watkins and the late Roger Kropp.

She has been a member of the Governor's Honor Roll and a member of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America. Her favorite thing was being an art student for four years and entering contest. She likes to hang out with her family and friends.

Her plans are to attend Oral Roberts University, Tulsa.

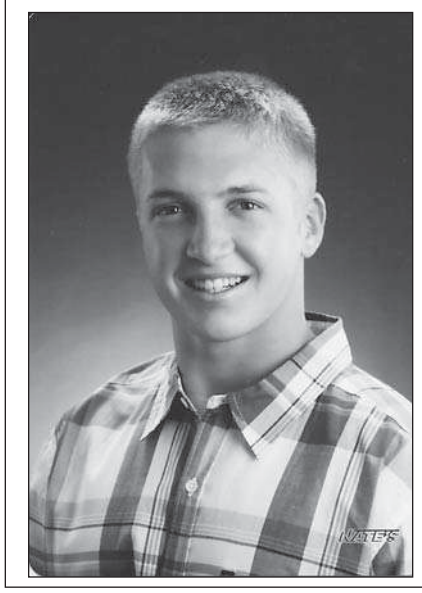
Eric Donica

Eric Donica is a 2013 graduate of Jesuit College Prep, Dallas. He is the son of Steve and Corinne Donica. He is the grandson of Winnie Donica and Jean and Elze Hemmen.

Eric enjoys music and has been playing the guitar for six years. He is an active member of the Spanish National Honor Society and the Underground music club. He was active in the school theatre.

His plans are to attend Belmont University, Tennessee, to major in music business.

Austin Joseph Sivik



Austin Joseph Sivik is a 2013 graduate of Punahou High School, Honolulu, Hawaii. He is the son of Scott and Deanna Sivik. He is the grandson of Judy Foster, of Mannsville, Okla., and Mike and Cheryl Smiley, of Lone Grove, Okla.

Austin has participated in football and track since his freshman year. He has also received high honors and awards for maintaining good grades.

His plans are to attend the University of San Diego to pursue a business degree. He will join the U.S. Navy ROTC program with hopes of becoming a U.S. Marine officer following college graduation.

Mikka Rae Matthews

Mikka Rae Matthews is a 2013 graduate of Ernest Righetti, Orcutt, Calif. She is the daughter of Greg and Martha Matthews. She is the granddaughter of Annie Midwell.

Mikka started her high school years as a basketball star, coached by her father for nine years. She is concentrating on her academics keeping her grade point average at 4.0. She volunteers at the local hospital to gain experience in pursing her career as a registered nurse. She enjoys fishing, camping and hiking, but mostly being with her family.

We are extremely proud of our Girl!

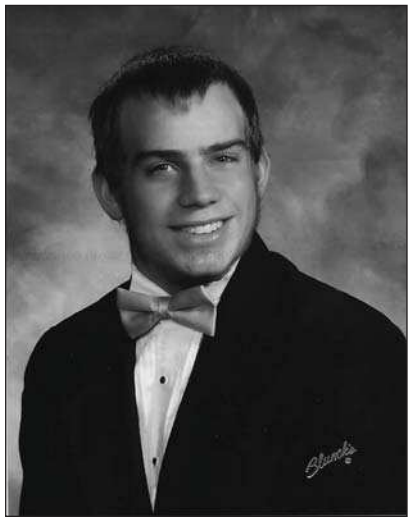
Madison 'Reide' Wilson

Madison "Reide" Wilson is a 2013 graduate of Glenpool High School, Glenpool, Okla. She is the daughter of Vern and Connie Wilson. She is the granddaughter of Glen and Sandra Haney, of Ada, Okla., the late Jeannie Haney, Barbara Wilson, of Ada, and Vern and Connie Wilson, Sr., of Bristow, Okla. She is the great-granddaughter of Lillian Haney, of Coalgate, Okla., and the late Bertha Allen.

Reide has been active in band for seven years, currently serving as drum major of the Glenpool Warrior Pride band, she served as color guard for two years and served one year as captain. She is an American Heart Association Sweetheart, Oklahoma Girls State Delegate, member of Oklahoma Cadet Lawman Academy, and has been a member of the Chickasaw Apihchi Ikbi Youth Leadership program for four years. She is a member of the National Honor Society, student council, Native American Student Association, student representative to the National Johnson O'Malley Association conference for three years, a member of Faith Church and 708 Youth Ministries.

She plans to attend East Central University, Ada, Okla.

Samuel Ashton Wright



Samuel Ashton Wright is a 2013 graduate of Central High School, Marlow, Okla. He is the son of Steve and Tami Wright. He is the grandson of Dr. William James, Sharon James, WyannAnn Wright and the late Jim Wright, all of Lawton, Okla.

Ashton has been active in sports from the time he was four years old. He has been on the varsity football team, baseball team and powerlifting for four years and the basketball team for two years and ran track. He placed in powerlifting events including Eight-Man state. His love for baseball takes him to Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, He has been active in Future Farmers of America for two years and won state competition two years in a row. He competed at Nationals in 2012 and will compete again in 2013.

His plans are to attend Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, to pursue a degree in health and kinesiology. He plans to further his education at a medical school.

Annah Baykal

Annah Baykal is a 2013 graduate of Edmond Memorial High School, Edmond, Okla. She is the daughter of Turk and Jana Baykal. She is the granddaughter of Veta Dryden.

Annah is in the top 1% of her class. She will serve as valedictorian, is a National Merit finalist and Academic All Stater. She served as senior captain of the swim team, a member of the All-State swim team and named Edmond Memorial Swimmer of the Year.

Her plans are to attend Fordham University or Rice University.

Caleb J. Holland

Caleb J. Holland is a 2013 graduate of Carl Albert High School, Midwest City, Okla. He is the son of Jeff and Christie Holland. He is the son of Dave and Betty Holland and Gary and Billie Bozarth.

Caleb was a member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) for four years, he was a state qualifier for powerlifting in 2012 and three-year starter for the Carl Albert football team. He has a member of the 2009 and 2010 Carl Albert Football State Championship team.

His plans are to attend Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, of a football scholarship.

Tyle Aaron Steadham

Tyler Aaron Steadham is a 2013 graduate of Dickson High School, Dickson, Okla. He is the son of the late Angela King. His guardian is Guy Eva Stowers. He is the grandson of Hugh and Donna Bond, of Oklahoma City.

Tyler played football at Dickson High School as an offensive line. He was a member of the baseball team, powerlifting and served as an officer in Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA).

His plans are to attend East Central University, Ada, Okla., to pursue a career as a physical therapist.

Betsy Grace Waller

Betsy Grace Waller is a 2013 graduate of Marlow High School, Marlow, Okla. She is the daughter of Shelli Waller and Keith Waller. She is the granddaughter of Dent Gibson, Karen Gibson and Audrey Shearer.

Betsy is the founder and president of MHS American Indian Society, a member of MHS Entertainers, a four-year member of Oklahoma All-State Honor Choir, served as class vice-president for three years, a member of the Chickasaw Nation Honor Club, the National Honor Society and Breakthrough Youth Group at Ray of Hope Church.

She plans to attend Oral Roberts University to pursue a double major in worship arts and multimedia production.

Ashli Nicole Worcester

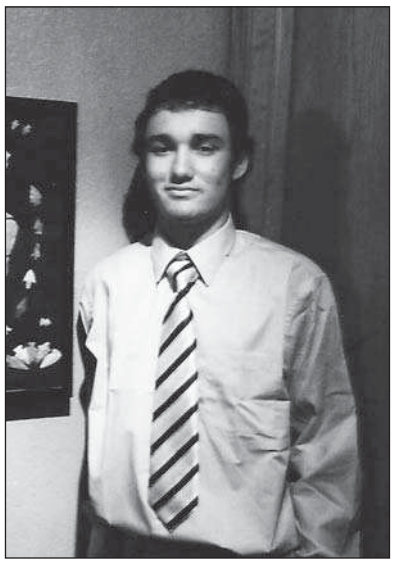
Ashli Nicole Worcester is a 2013 graduate of Latta High School, Ada, Okla. She is the daughter of Matt and Shelli Worcester. She is the granddaughter of Willie and Dorothy Hayes, Opal Worcester and Melvin Worcester.

Ashli is a member of the National Honor Society. She has been a member of the basketball team for four years, softball team for two years, Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) and is active in her church.

She plans to attend East Central University, Ada, to pursue a degree in forensic psychology.

We love you Ash.

Dylan Roy Asbery



Dylan Roy Asbery is a 2013 graduate of Wilson High School, Wilson, Okla. He is the son of Rickey and Tildy Asbery. He is the grandson of Sue and Joe Byrd, the late Roy Asbery, Jerry Kinard and Micheal and Tanya Kollar.

Dylan was a member of the football team for four years, baseball for four years and been a member of the Chickasaw Youth Leadership Program "Chikasha Apihchi Ikbi" for the last three years. He participated in many of the summer youth camps and worked through the summer youth program for three years. He is an avid hunter and fisherman.

He enlisted in the U.S. Army delayed entry program last year and will leave for basic training in June.

Adelya Joelyne Wood

Adelya Joelyne Woo is a 2013 graduate of Lawton High School, Lawton, Okla. She is the daughter of Kelly Flores and Martin Flores. She is the granddaughter of Kathryn Williams Ratterree and Gary Sumpler, Sr.

Adelya is our special child. She was born with down syndrome March 30, 1994. Adelya has accomplished so many great things in her life that only God is responsible for. She has received numerous gold, silver and bronze awards at the Special Olympics.

We are very proud of her for all she has done and mostly for her life!

Travis Koi Choate

Travis Koi Choate is a 2013 graduate of Marietta High School, Marietta, Okla. He is the son of Ron and Mary Sieger. He is the great-grandson of James and the late Melvina Polk.

Travis was active in baseball, football and enjoys hunting and fishing. He is also a student at Southern Oklahoma Technical Center, Ardmore, Okla. He is Chickasaw and Choctaw.

His plans are to enlist in the U.S. Navy.

Presley Jane Lane

Presley Jade Lane is a 2013 graduate of Athens High School, Athens, Okla. She is the daughter of Stacy Lane. She is the granddaughter of Doris Harper.

Presley has been active in yearbook, volleyball for four years and the Young Life Program. She also attended TUCC and earned enough credits to receive her associates degree. Her community service consists of being a teacher's aide.

She plans to pursue a career is sports, education or kinesiology.

She makes me proud everyday with her hard work and dedication.

Karlee D. Buckridge

Karlee D. Buckridge is a 2013 graduate of West Monroe High School, West Monroe, La. She is the daughter of Brenda Wilkes and Jerry Buckridge. She is the granddaughter of Wallace W. and Nora Dawkins. Her great-grandfather, Wallace Dawkins was a Chickasaw original enrollee.

Karlee has maintained an excellent grade point average. She is a member of the National Honor Society, the key club and Character Counts.

Her plans are to attend the University of Louisiana at Monroe to study pre-pharmacy and become a pharmacist.

Sarah Ruth Largo

Sarah Ruth Lagro is a 2013 graduate of Pottsboro High School, Pottsboro, Texas. She is the daughter of Leigh and Becky Lagro. She is the granddaughter of the late Robert E. Graham and the late Betty Graham and Robert Lagro and Ruth Lagro. She is the great-granddaughter of Josephine Graham an original enrollee.

Sarah lettered in choir four years, she was named History Student of the Year her junior year, she was a student in AP classes and dual credit classes for two years. She served as an officer in student council and as an officer in choir for three years, select choir for two years.

She plans to attend the University of North Texas, Denton to pursue a journalism degree.

Taylor Reams

Taylor Reams is a 2013 graduate of Georgetown High School, Georgetown, Texas. He is the son of Clint Reams and Holly and John Heckeroth. He is the grandson of Tony and Charlene Manning and Jim and Liz Coburn.

Taylor is 18 years old. He is active in Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) and played varsity basketball.

He plans to attend Texas Tech University.

Brittany Carter

Brittany Carter is a 2013 graduate of Duncan High School, Duncan, Okla. She is the daughter of Michelle Carter, of Duncan, and Tommy Carter, of Marlow, Okla. She is the granddaughter of Tom and Berdine Carter, of Marlow, and Joyce Tinney and Jim Tinney, of Duncan. She is the great-great-great-granddaughter of Minnie Brown Gibson and the great-great-granddaughter of Mississippi Gibson Carter, both Chickasaw original enrollees.

Brittany has been active in cheerleading, basketball, softball and track.

She plans to attend Cameron University, Lawton, Okla., to pursue a career as an ultrasound technician.

Stormy Rae Winckler

Stormy Rae Winckler is a 2013 graduate of Del Oro High School, Loomis, Calif. She is the daughter of Kelly and Lisa Winckler. She is the granddaughter of Carole Skellenger, Larry Mays and Jerry and Debbie Winckler. She is the sister to Shain and James Thunder. She is a direct descendent of John Ieahoketubby.

Stormy worked at a day care. She graduated in January 2013 and is attending Sierra College in Rocklin, Calif.

Brittani Fieszel

Brittani Fieszel is a 2013 graduate of Kingston High School, Kingston, Okla. She is the daughter of Karen Fieszel and Earl Pool. She is the granddaughter of Mae and Jimmy Fieszel.

Brittani loves to play softball and camping out.

She plans to attend college to pursue a degree as a physical therapist.

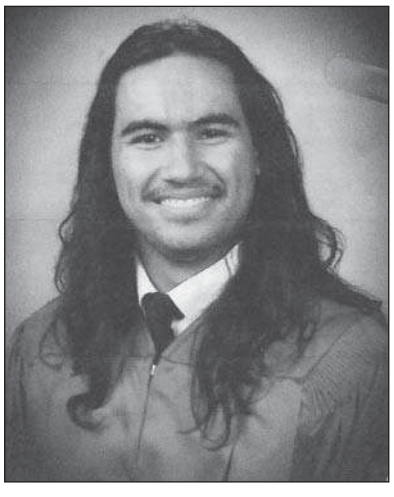
Robert Matthew Johnson

Robert Matthew Johnson is a 2013 graduate of Lone Grove High School, Lone Grove, Okla. He is the son of Gerald and Shawna Johnson, of Lone Grove. He is the grandson of Joe and Jenny Roberts and the late Archie and Maria Johnson.

Robert was a member of the varsity baseball team. He was very active in Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA).

His plans are to attend East Central University, Ada, Okla.

Jonathan Phillip Kaufusi



Jonathan Phillip Kaufusi is a 2013 graduate of Ross Sterling High School, Baytown, Texas. He is the son of Lisa and Richard Torres and Valka Kaufusi. He is the grandson of Mary and Jerry Martin, of Baytown and the great-grandson of Darias Corinne Cravatt, of Odessa, Texas.

Jonathan was a member of the gifted and talented program in elementary school. His accomplishments are many; football, band (trumpet player), drama/theater and drums and he works after school.

We are proud and love him so much. Many wonderful years ahead.

Emily Laura-Anne Gray

Emily Laura-Anne Gray is a 2013 graduate of Lafayette High School, Lexington, Ken. She is the daughter of Steve and Dee Ann Gray. She is the granddaughter of Bob and Judy Worley, of Joplin, Mo., and Diane Gray, of Forth Worth, Texas.

Emily will graduate with honors on May 25.

She plans are to attend the University of Kentucky to pursue a career in medicine.

Emily is proud of her Chickasaw heritage and her faith in Jesus Christ.

Amber Wright

Amber Wright is a 2013 graduate of Madill High School, Madill, Okla. She is the daughter of Karen Wright. Guardians are Starla and Stephen Wiese, Matthew and Ashley Gore and Larna and Treva Bundy. She is the granddaughter of Richard Lewis and the late Pamela Beck and Novella Bundy.

Amber has been involved with Future Farmer's of America (FFA), speech and debate, journalism and filming and yearbook. She enjoys helping others, volunteering at her church and working at Bread of Life, a food bank located in Madill.

Her plans are to attend East Central University, Ada, Okla., to major in special education with a minor in Theatre.

Caleb Johnson

Caleb Johnson is a 2013 graduate of Tuttle High School, Tuttle, Okla. He is the son of Travis and Tara Johnson. He is the grandson of Terry and Susan Fryrear, Delbert Johnson and the late Vivian Jo Johnson.

Caleb is an automotive repair student at Canadian Valley Vo-tech located in Chickasha, Okla.

His plans are to attend OSU-Tech, Okmulgee, Okla., to pursue a degree in diesel mechanic.

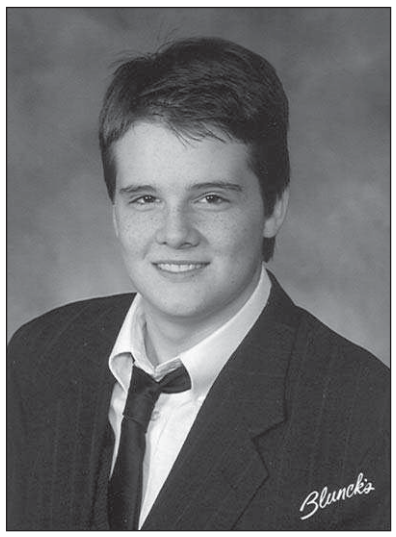
Sarah Elizabeth Martin

Sarah Elizabeth Martin is a 2013 graduate of Holland Hall, Tulsa. She is the daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth Martin. She is the granddaughter of Michael and Otis Ann Burk and Suzann Martin. She is the great-granddaughter of Ann Nita Burris Newman.

She is a member of Tulsa Rowing Club Juniors and has been awarded the Scholastic Gold Key and Silver Key for her ceramic work.

She plans to attend the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville.

Nathan Webb



Nathan Webb is a 2013 graduate of Tishomingo High School, Tishomingo, Okla. He is the son of Susan and David Ledford and Anthony Webb. He is the grandson of Gloria Webb, Dr. and Mrs. E.F. Webb Jr., Elmer G and the late Naomi Wood and Rev. Gene and Mary Lou Ledford. He is the brother of Bryan and Jeremy Web.

Nathan has been active in the academic team, the Native American Club, East Central University Educational Talent Search and basketball. He attended the Chickasaw Nation Entrepreneurial Academy at Southern Oklahoma State University, Durant and is a concurrent student at Murray State College, Tishomingo, Okla.. He works part-time at Sooner Foods during his senior year.

His brothers, Bryan and Jeremy, his parents and several aunts and uncles also graduated from Tishomingo High School.

His plans are to attend the University of Oklahoma, Norman, to study industrial engineering.

Emily Burris

Emily Burris is a 2013 graduate of Eufaula High School, Eufaula, Okla. She is the daughter of Randy and Robyn Burris. She is the granddaughter of Claud and Naomi Burris, of Wilson, Okla., and Bob and Twyla King, of Eufaula.

Emily will serve as valedictorian of her graduating class. She has maintained a 4.0 grade point average. She has served as drum major of the marching band, is a member and officer of the National Honor Society and student council class officer, active in choir and jazz band and has served as president and secretary of McIntosh County 4-H.

She plans to attend the University of Arkansas.

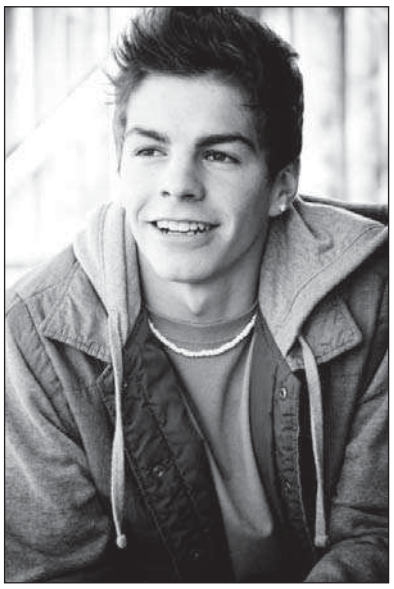
Taylor Foster

Taylor Foster is a 2013 graduate of Turner High School, Burneyville, Okla. She is the daughter of Kent and Melissa Foster, of Rubottom, Okla. She is the granddaughter of Larry and Vera Wolfe and Steve and Kathlene Foster. She is the sister to Allie and Braylee.

Taylor has been active with the varsity basketball team for four years, being an instrumental part of the team going to the state tournament for two consecutive years. She serves as the Future Farmers of America (FFA) president and will receive her state FFA degree in May and is a member of Turner Beta Club. She serves as vice-president of her senior class and a member of Jimtown Baptist Church.

Her plans are to attend Murray State College, Tishomingo, Okla., on a softball scholarship. After graduating from Murray State College she plans to attend Rose State College to pursue a degree in dental hygiene.

Cody Eugene Burden



Cody Eugene Burden is a 2013 graduate of Middleton High School, Middleton, Idaho. He is the son of Tracee R Burden, of Bear River, Wy. He is the grandson of Karen R. Burden, of Star, Idaho and the late Robert E. Burden. He is the great-grandson of the late George Washington McDonald, an original enrollee. He has two brothers, Ethan Foley and Wesley Robert Burden and several cousins from Idaho.

Cody is active in wrestling, rugby and bull riding. He is a volunteer counselor for Malibu Church camp in Oregon and Canada. He was a warded a belt buckle for his riding skills and his outstanding character for four consecutive years at Rodeo Bible Camp in Idaho. The fourth year he relinquished the buckle to the second place winner. In 2011 he took first place for Idaho Cowboys Association in novice bull riding. He has been affiliated with junior rodeo since he was two-years old.

He has consistently qualified and attended Idaho state wrestling. In 2013 Cody won second place for wrestling at Idaho State Tournament. His goals are to follow his grandfathers and uncles footsteps and become a police officer.

Cody is an amazing young man and his family is so proud of him and wishes him all the best in his new beginnings.

Jordan Pharr

Jordan Pharr is a 2013 graduate of Stonewall High School, Stonewall, Okla. She is the daughter of Kent and Lee Ann Pharr. She is the granddaughter of Lee and Shirla Sweat, Bill and Pat Weldon and the late Robert Pharr and the great-granddaughter of Richard Sexton. She is the sister to Jared Pharr.

Jordan has been a member of the cheerleading squad for four years, serving as captain for two years. She has been a member of the softball team for two years, Business Professional Association (BPA) for three years, a member of the National Honor Society for four years, student council for four years and a member of the yearbook staff for two years. Jordan has placed in numerous area interscholastic meets in Spanish and office procedures. She placed first in Business & Finance at the state convention of BPA and qualified to test at the national level. She enjoys hunting, fishing and shopping. She is proud to be the fourth generation Chickasaw female family member attending East Central University and proud to be the great-great-great-granddaughter of Mary Colbert Traux, an original enrollee and wife of Dr. George Traux.

She plans to attend East Central University, later attending Southwestern State College or the University of Oklahoma to pursue a degree as a pharmacist.

Sylvia Maraella McGee

Sylvia Maraella McGee is a 2013 graduate of Duncan High School, Duncan, Okla. She is the daughter of Terry Jr., and Kristi McGree. She is the granddaughter of Terry McGee Sr., and Cecile McGee, Leroy Jackson and the late Sylvia Jackson.

Sylvia participated in vocal music, art and the bio-medical program.

She has been accepted to Oklahoma State University and will study pre-dentistry.

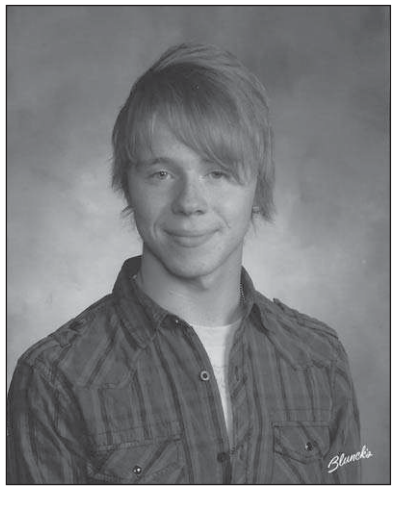
Sean Alexander Murphy

Sean Alexander Murphy is a 2013 graduate of Lockhart High School, Lockhart, Texas. He is the son of Edward and Elizabeth Murphy. He is the grandson of George and Mary Drake and the late Edward and Betty Murphy. He is the great-grandson of Dawes original enrollee Maggie May Poff.

Sean served as manager of the Lockhart basketball team for four years, he was awarded perfect attendance for the last three years and has completed 18 hours of early college level courses and AP courses in biology and calculus. His hobbies are gardening, game editing, cooking and bike riding. He volunteered at St. Mary's in the Religious Education Program.

His plans are to pursue a degree in computer science or engineering.

Daniel Austin Mead



Daniel Austin Mead is a 2013 graduate of Allen High School, Allen, Okla. He is the son of Rick Mead and Christina Reynolds Mead. He is the grandson of the late James and the late Ramona Reynolds and Evert and Shirley Mead.

Daniel was active with the Metal Mayhem Team #2352 from 2011 – 2013, serving as budget team captain, cheer and mascot team and media team member. He was a participant of Chickasaw School of Guitar from 2011-2013 and a Chickasaw Nation summer youth worker at the McSwain Theatre in 2012.

His plans are to attend East Central University to pursue a degree in computer science.

Kara Marie Dill

Kara Marie Dill is a 2013 graduate of Colleyville Heritage High School, Colleyville, Texas. She is the daughter of Brian and Amy Dill, Grapevine, Texas. She is the granddaughter of Ronnie and Janice Cook and Allan and Peggy Dill.

Kara has been a member of the Panteras varsity drill team, Panteras Spirit Leaders, student council, and a member of the Pantherrette junior varsity drill team.

She plans to attend Oklahoma State University, Stillwater.

Emily Banks

Emily Banks is a 2013 graduate of Norman North High School, Norman, Okla. She is the daughter of Ron and Liz Banks. She is the granddaughter of Johnny and the late Mary Jones, of McAlester, Okla.

Emily has been involved in non-profit food pantries for the last three years. She enjoys running cross-country and track and has a member of the track team for two years. She is a member of the Oklahoma Indian Honor Society and is a National Merit Commended Student.

She plans to attend Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, on academic and cross-county and track scholarships.

Taylor Montoya

Taylor Montoya is a 2013 graduate of Frisco Centennial, Frisco, Texas. She is the daughter of Charles and Laurie Montoya. She is the granddaughter of Guy and Gloria McElroy.

Taylor currently plays soccer for FC Dallas ECNL U18. She has been named to the soccer first team All-District for four years and named Offensive MVP for two years.

She plans to attend Louisiana Tech University to play soccer on a full-ride scholarship.

Lauren Holcomb

Lauren Holcomb is a 2013 graduate of Ronald W. Reagan High School, Winston-Salem, N.C. She is the daughter of David and Christina Holcomb. She is the granddaughter of Mike and Patsy Holcomb and Jack and Dorris Vander Wiele.

Lauren has been active with a variety of teams and organizations. Dance is her lifelong passion and she has been able to use her love of dance to spread school spirit by being a member of the varsity dance team, the Raiderettes.

For three consecutive years she has lead pep rallies, worked at dance camps and danced at football and basketball games. She spends a majority of her time writing news articles for her school newspaper, the Rooster, where she serves as the features editor. She is a member of the National Honor Society, the National Science Honor Society, the National Art Honor Society and Nu Delta Alpha Honor Society. She currently is employed as a dance instructor at Pro dance Academy and teaches ballet, tap and jazz. She also works as a volunteer for the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

She plans to attend Auburn University to major in nutrition/dietetics.

Kathryn "Katie" Newton

Kathryn "Katie" Newton is a 2013 graduate of Aloha High School, Aloha, Ore. She is the daughter of Jim and Jessie Newton, of Beaverton, Ore. She is the granddaughter of Tom and Barbara Halsell, Marion Newton and the late Bob Newton.

Katie serves as senior class vice-president and is a member of the National Honor Society. She is active in softball, basketball and soccer. She has earned nine varsity letters and has received "All League" honors seven times. She was named a Multnomah Athletic Club Scholar/Athlete and the junior class homecoming princess.

She plans to attend Portland State University or the University of Oregon to pursue a degree in education and business.

Ciera Cox

Ciera Cox is a 2013 graduate of Kingston High School, Kingston, Okla. She is the daughter of Johnny Cox and Karyn Cox. She is the granddaughter of Virginia Neesmith and Cebert Cox and Hyahwahnah Cox.

Ciera has been active in Family Career and Community Leaders of American (FCCLA), color guard, academic team, competitive academics, the Chickasha Apichi Ickbi Program (CAIP), student council and Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA).

She plans to attend Southeastern Oklahoma State University to pursue a degree in elementary education and eventually become a first grade teacher.

Brendon Cole Cowger

Brendon Cole Cowger is a 2013 graduate of Noble High School, Noble, Okla. He is the son of Cindy and Jim Streun and Jeffrey Cowger. He is the grandson of Jim and DeAnna Belvin, Leon and Kay Moore, Harold and Carol Streun, Jan Cowger and the late Henry Cowger. Other family members include Candy and Chris Kriete and their children Jocelyn and Carson Kriete.

Brendon earned a carpentry certificate from Mid-America Technology, Wayne, Okla., and plans to pursue other certificates.

Ricki Gayle Braziell

Ricki Gayle Braziell is a 2013 graduate of Caddo High School, Caddo, Okla. She is the daughter of Twyla Collins, of Coalgate, Okla., and Rick Braziell, of Caney, Okla. She is the granddaughter of Louise Braziell, of Caney, Martin Brown, of Coalgate and J.D. and Ruthie Smith, of Coalgate. She has a sister, Rebecca Rowland and husband, Shawn, of Caddo, two brothers, Richard Braziell and wife Melissa, of Caddo, and Eric Finch, of Coalgate. She has a very special cousin and mentor, Joni Beth Willis, of Caney.

Ricki is graduating as one of the top academic students in her class. She has had an avid interest in helping others since the age of four, when she would visit the nursing home to visit with residents, providing gifts. As a youth she would play softball or work the concession stand at local fundraising events. She enjoys spending time with her friends and family.

She has been active in basketball and softball for four years, cheerleading for one year, student council for four years, serving as president for two years, Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) for four years, Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) for one year and has been a member of the Superintendent's Honor Roll for three years and the Principal's Honor Roll for one year.

She plans to attend Murray State College, Tishomingo, Okla., to pursue an associate's degree then transfer to an occupational therapists program. She will pursue minors in nursing and criminal justice. She would like to have a very large family.

Mrgan B. Webb

Morgan B. Webb is a 2013 graduate of Pacific High School, Pacific, Mo. She is the daughter of Dan and Sonja Webb. She is the granddaughter of Jim and Julie Draves.

She is a member of the cross-country running team, the soccer team, the basketball team and the track team. Her extracurricular activities include playing indoor and outdoor summer soccer. She currently works at Six Flags. She was a volunteer firefighter.

She would like to be a professional soccer player or a firefighter.

Skylar C. Lofton

Skylar C. Lofton is a 2013 graduate of Sulphur High School, Sulphur, Okla. He is the son of Chris and Kresta Lofton. He is the grandson of Robert and Karen White, Floyd and Linda Fox and Carroll and Nita Lofton.

Skylar enjoys the diesel mechanics class at Southern Oklahoma Technical Center, Ardmore. He is a proud father of an eight-month-old daughter.

His plans are to obtain a full-time job and try to further his education.

Jaden Rae Miller Stick

Jaden Rae Miller Stick is a 2013 graduate of Byng High School, Byng, Okla. She is the daughter of Steven and Dana Godwin, of Ada, Okla. She is the granddaughter of Val Miller, of Ada, and the late Lucille and Cecil Miller, of Tupelo, Okla.

Jaden is active in Native Voices, Family Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA), stagecraft and Upward Bound.

She plans to attend East Central University, Ada, to pursue a degree in mass communications.

We love you Jaden and we are all so proud of you!

Mom, Dad and Jazmyn

Amber McClendon

Amber McClendon is a 2013 graduate of Ada High School, Ada, Okla. She is the daughter Kelly and Traci Gold. She is the granddaughter of Frank and Patricia Schultz, Jack Gold and the late Lena Herron.

Amber has attended the Ada School System since kindergarten. She experimented with interests and hobbies throughout her school days trying to discover what she liked. In junior high she found her calling. She has been involved in the Ada Band for four years, playing the trumpet. She has been in performing arts for three years. Her performances include: Little Shop of Horrors, The Wedding Singer and Grease. She served as stage manager to the junior high production of Hairspray. She has been involved in vocal music and has attended vocal competitions since the eighth grade. She has competed in districts for five years and at state for one year. She auditioned and was accepted to perform at Carnegie Hall with the American High School Honors program group in 2012 and 2013.

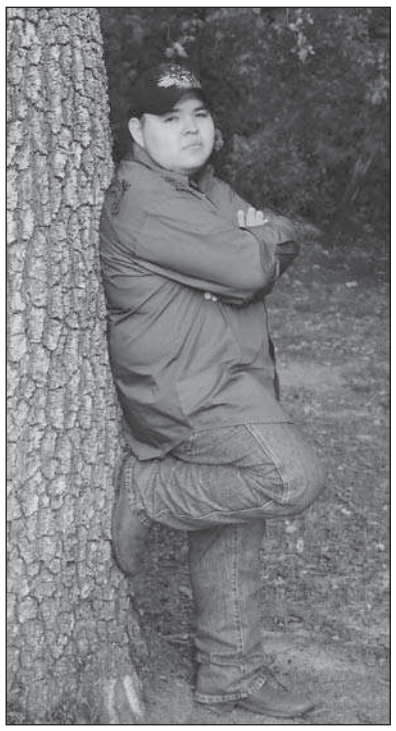
Her plans are to attend Oklahoma State University, Stillwater to pursue a bachelor of art degree in music.

Hailey Nicole Eason

Hailey Nicole Eason is a 2013 graduate of Sulphur High School, Sulphur, Okla. She is the daughter of Diana Franks and James Eason. She is the granddaughter of Etha Cooke, Billy Eason and Waylon Eason. She is married to Skylar Lofton and is the proud mother of an eight-month-old baby girl.

Hailey enjoys spending time with her friends and family. Her plans are to attend East Central University to pursue a teaching degree.

Zachary Lane Lewis



Zachary Lane Lewis is a 2013 graduate of Stonewall High School, Stonewall, Okla. He is the son of Nancy and Anthony Lewis Sr., of Tuttle, Okla. He is the grandson of the late Leo Belle Thomas (Perch), the late James Lewis, the late Naomi (Greenwood) Pickens, and Bill Pickens Sr., of Stonewall, Okla. He is the great-nephew of the late Sim "Doc" Greenwood.

Zachary started Head Start at the Stonewall School then moved to Tuttle, where he went to first grade through his junior year. While at Tuttle he played football in his seventh through sophomore years. His freshman and sophomore year he was a member of the wrestling team. His senior year he transferred to Stonewall High School and stayed with his Aunt Patty. At Stonewall he enjoyed hanging out with his friends and having fun.

His plans are to finish school and get a good job.

Cortney Tucker

Cortney Tucker is a 2013 graduate of Dickson High School, Dickson, Okla. She is the daughter of James and Kim Tucker. She is the granddaughter of Steve and Trudy Lockwood, Larry and Cindi McKenzie, Dorothy Tucker and the late Joe Tucker.

Cortney has attended the Dickson School System since pre-kindergarten. She currently attends cosmetology classes at the votech full-time. She attends church at H2O of Ardmore. She is very outgoing and loves to spend her free time with her boyfriend, Cody.

Merideth Lee Stuart

Merideth Lee Stuart is a 2013 graduate of Cinco Ranch High school, Katy, Texas. She is the daughter of Robb and Aletra Stuart. She is the granddaughter of Joy and Wayne Alexander and Bobbie and Don Stuart.

Merideth will graduate with honors. She is a member of the National Honor Society, the National Charity League and Cougars Achieving Through Service.

After college she plans to enter the medical field and give back to her Native American community.

N'Kiyla Jasmine Taylor

N'Kiyla Jasmine Taylor is a 2013 graduate of Ardmore High School, Ardmore, Okla. She is the daughter of Keia Taylor. She is the granddaughter of Barbara Taylor.

Jasmine will graduate May 24. She has been a member of the honors program and has been accepted to the National Technical Honor Society at Southern Oklahoma Technical Center, Ardmore.

She plans to attend the nursing program at East Central University, Ada, Okla.

I am very proud of her!

Emily Ann Smith

Emily Ann Smith is a 2013 graduate of Norman North High School, Norman, Okla. She is the daughter of Stewart and Karen Smith. She is the granddaughter of Laverne Smith and Virgil and Sally Tague.

Emily is a member of the National Society of High School Scholars (Ambassador), the Honor Society, Oklahoma Indian Student Honor Society, Indian Education (volunteer tutor), Aegis English Program, speech and debate team, competitive acting team, concert choir and the Link Crew.

She received the John C. Stevens Academic Scholarship Award at Abilene Christian University and will attend to pursue a journalism and mass communication degree. She dreams of being a reporter (newspaper or news stations), columnist or editor.

Mason Michael-Alan Oliver

Mason Michael-Alan Oliver is a 2013 graduate of Thomas S. Wootton High School, Rockville, Maryland. He is the son of Jason M. Oliver and Rachel Johnson-Oliver. He is the grandson of Jack D. Oliver and Jana M. Oliver and Richard and Nancy Johnson. His brothers are Austin and Farrin and his uncle is Jeremy Oliver.

Mason has maintained high academic grades throughout high school. He summer interned at General Dynamics as a computer help desk technician. He is an avid video game player and has competed in many regional and national competitions. He has been asked to speak at his graduation ceremony about his experience in the computer technology field.

His plans are to attend Montgomery College, Maryland, to pursue a degree in computer technology.

Stephanie Morgan Corn

Stephanie Morgan Corn is a 2013 graduate of Westmoore High School, Oklahoma City. She is the daughter of Greg and Dee Dee Corn. She is the granddaughter of Rick and Joyce Corn and Walter and Carol Hurst. She is the great-great-granddaughter of original enrollee Robert Douglas Harkins.

Stephanie maintains a 4.24 grade point average and is a member of the National Honor Society, Oklahoma Indian Honor Society and the Chickasaw Honor Club. During her senior year she attended Oklahoma City Community College as a concurrent student. She is a Masonic "Student of Today" finalist and was named World History of the Year Student her sophomore year. She is active on the varsity tennis team for four years and was involved in the music department and drama club participating in three musicals. She has danced competitively for nine years, is active in her church youth group, active volunteer with Special Olympics and with special needs camps during the summer. She has worked part-time through her junior and senior year at the public library.

She plans to attend the University of Oklahoma, Norman, to pursue a degree in occupational therapy, and she has been selected to be a member of the President's Leadership Class.

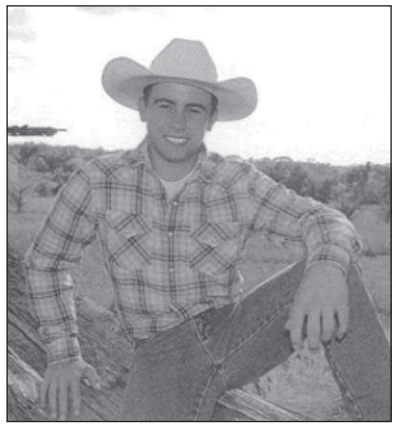
Brittany Anne Anderson

Brittany Anne Anderson is a 2013 graduate of Prosper High School, Prosper, Texas. She is the granddaughter of Tom and Barbara Halsell and the late James "Andy" and the late Barbara Anderson.

Brittany has demonstrated academic excellence and athletic accomplishment during her high school career. She is starting center-fielder for the varsity softball team. She was named Outstanding Offensive Player of the Year her junior year. She participated in track and field, running the 400-meter and triple jump. She was named most improved athlete her junior year.

She plans to attend Texas Tech where she plans to major in psychology.

Jacob Riley Brooks



Jacob Riley Brooks is a 2013 graduate of A.J. Terrell High School, Blanchard, Okla. He is the son of Jake and Debbie Brooks. He is the grandson of Rean Brooks, Pauline Flippen, the late Harris Felton and the late JoAnn Auld.

Jacob enjoys playing second base for the Blanchard Lions varsity baseball team. He enjoys duck hunting, fishing and wake boarding. He has attended Blanchard School f kindergarten through his senior year and has resided in Blanchard all his life.

His plans are to attend Oklahoma City Community College.

Trey Austin Braswell

Trey Austin Braswell is a 2013 graduate of West Plains High School, West Plains, Mo. He is the son of Keith and Barb Braswell. He is the grandson of David Braswell, of Hazelwood, Mo., Jana Braswell, of St. Charles, Mo., and the late Rev. W.C. Parkey and Betty Parkey, of Poplar Bluff, Mo.

Trey loves sports and music. He was a starter on the varsity basketball team his freshman through junior years at New Life Christian School, Bridgeton, Mo. Hi junior year he helped take his team to an 18-2 season. He began his senior year at McCluer North High School in Florissant, Mo., and was involved in weight lifting and planned to try out for the baseball team in the spring. He transferred to West Plains High School in January. Due to a leg injury and surgery he was unable to participate in the baseball season.

He plans to continue his involvement in sports at every opportunity as he explores his college options.

Debra Lynne Anderson

Debra Lynne Anderson is a 2013 graduate of Prosper High School, Prosper, Texas. She is the daughter of . She is the granddaughter of Tom and Barbara Halsell and the late James "Andy" and the late Barbara Anderson.

Debra is a member of the National Honor Society. She is active in volleyball , track and cross country. She was named Outstanding Academic Athlete for track and field during her freshman and sophomore years. She was Most Valuable Player of the JV volleyball team her freshman year and voted homecoming royalty for three years.

Her plans are to attend Colorado University Boulder, to pursue a pre-med degree. Her plans are to pursue a career as an anestheologist.

Caitlin Nicole Gabehart

Caitlin Nicole Gabehart is a 2013 graduate of William J. Brennan High School, San Antonio, Texas. She is the daughter of Tim and Mary Gabehart. She is the granddaughter of Martha Edwards and Wayne and Gerry Gabehart.

Caitlin will graduate in the top 10% of her class. She is a member of the National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, Science National Honor Society and student council. She is the captain of the varsity soccer team and her club soccer team. She was awarded Academic All District and All Around All District. She is active in her church, volunteering regularly.

She plans to attend Texas A&M University-College Station as a biology major with plans to be a trauma surgeon.

Caitlin is a true blessing to her parents and they are very proud of the wonderful young woman she has become.

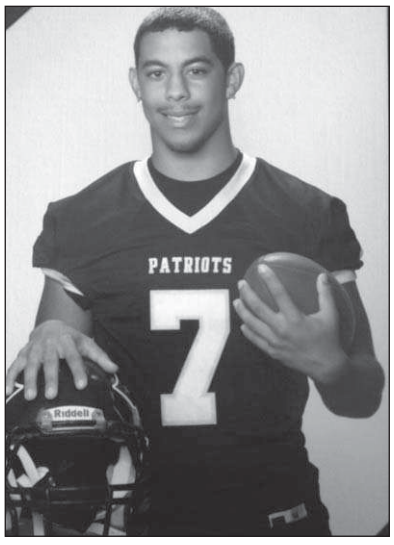
Ashley Woodward

Ashley Woodward is a 2013 graduate of Mustang High School, Mustang, Okla. She is the daughter of Amy and David Woodward. She is the granddaughter of Norma and James Woodward and the late Juanita and Charles Giles. She is the great-granddaughter of the late Louise Henderson Woodward (Chickasaw).

Ashley was active with yearbook her junior and senior years, a member of the Principal's Honor Roll for four years, participated in Relay for Life since middle school and a member of the Relay for Life committee her senior year.

She plans to attend Oklahoma State University-Oklahoma City in the summer.

Anthony Dickinson



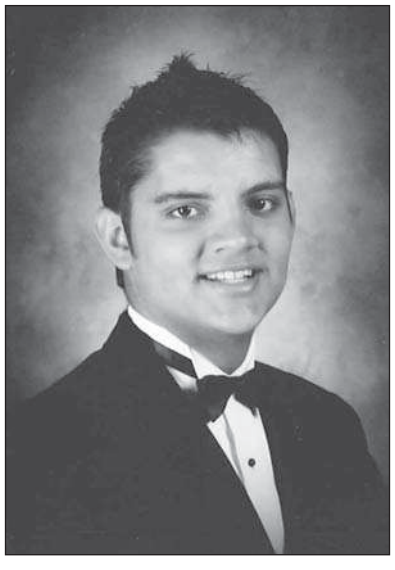
Anthony Dickinson is a 2013 graduate of Birmingham Community Charter High School, Reseda, Calif. He is the son of Marvin and Tamara Foster. He is the grandson of Don and Judy Dickinson and Marvin and Velma Foster. He is the great-grandson of Lynn Engles.

Anthony carries a 3.2 grade point average, plays football and was named West Valley League MVP Defense Linebaker, West Valley League Defensive Player of the Year. His football team won back-back championships.

His plans are to play football and obtain a college degree.

We are very proud of him and all his accomplishments.

Masheli Billy



Masheli Billy is a 2013 graduate of Purcell High School, Purcell, Okla. He is the son of Phillip and Lisa Johnson Billy. He is the grandson of Frank and Vicki Johnson, the late Beverly Johnson and Ed and the late Cynthia Billy.

Masheli has been involved in Chikasha Apihchi Ikbi, Business Professionals of America and the Technical Honor Society. He is a firefighter with the Payne Volunteer Fire Department is completing the basic emergency medical technician course. He is pursing is private pilot license and has completed ground school. He will participate in missionary work this summer in Alaska flying an airplane to Native villages.

His plans are to attend Oklahoma State University, and enroll in the ROTC program.

He is very thankful for the opportunities the Chickasaw Nation has given him.

Ariana Hurst

Ariana Hurst is a 2013 graduate of Tecumseh High School, Tecumseh, Okla. She is the daughter of Randell and Pamela Hurst. She is the granddaughter of John Atkins, of Garland, Texas, Katherine Deere, of Tecumseh and LaQuita Hurst of Tecumseh.

Adriana is active in the Beta Club, Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) and was a cheerleader for two years. She was involved in math camp for the past two summers and plans to work there this summer with the program. She currently works at DC Cake Appeal in Shawnee, Okla.

She plans to attend Seminole (OK) State College to pursue an accounting degree.

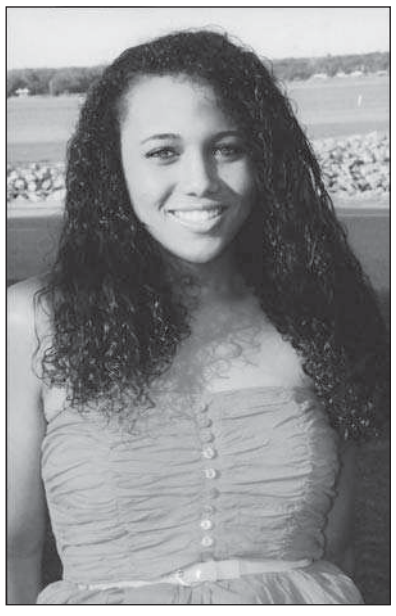
Ariana has made her parents very happy with all of her accomplishments. She has a bright future ahead of her. Although her grandmother Kay has passed, she would have been very proud of her. I know that she is looking down and smiling just as her poppy John is proud of her.

May the Lord keep blessing you throughout your future.

We love you,

Mom

Salina K. Johnson



Salina K. Johnson is a 2013 graduate of Sulphur High School, Sulphur, Okla. She is the daughter of Amy Rocha and Charlie Johnson. She is the granddaughter of Kenneth and Bobbie Atteberry and Francis Johnson.

Salina was active in basketball and track for four years.

She plans to attend East Central University, Ada, Okla.

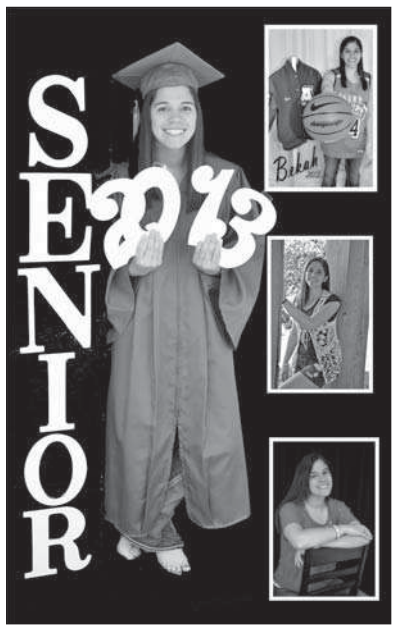
Callie Rose Nash

Callie Rose Nash is a 2013 graduate of Star Spencer High School, Oklahoma City. She is the daughter of Jackie and Sharon Nash.

Callie carries a 4.0 grade point average. She was active in tennis and softball and has written seven books.

She plans to continue writing and to attend Spelman College, Atlanta, Ga., to pursue a degree as a physical therapist.

Rebekah Trulene Foster



Rebekah Trulene Foster is a 2013 graduate of Azle High School, Azle, Texas. She is the daughter of Phillip and Michelle Foster. She is the granddaughter of Charles and the late Trulene Foster and Bill and Glynell Rachel.

Rebekah is active in basketball and PALS a mentoring program. Her awards include: sophomore year, junior varsity basketball Defensive Player of the Year, Academic All District; junior year, varsity basketball 3D Awarad, Academic All District; senior year, varsity basketball Defensive Player of the Year, Castleberry Tournament MVP, All District Honorable Mention and Young Texanne of the Month – Optimist Club. Her hobbies are drawing, FBC Lakeside Voices of Truth Choir, Upward basketball club and mission trips.

She plans to go on mission trips this summer and attend the University of North Texas in the fall.

Sarah Elizabeth Gross

Sarah Elizabeth Gross is a 2013 graduate of Roff High School, Roff, Okla. She is the daughter of Mike and Samantha Gross, Mill Creek, Okla. She is the granddaughter of Larry and Mary Wisdom, of Mill Creek, and Man and Linda Gross, of Connerville, Okla. She is the great-granddaughter of Lillian Underwood, of Mill Creek. She is a descendant of original enrollees Alice Carhee Cass, Cleveland Wisdom and Bertie Mae Brown Gross.

Sarah was active in BETA, NMS, Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) and the yearbook club. She was a member of the basketball team for four years and named to the 2013 Pontotoc Conference All Conference team. She is a member of the Governor's Honor Roll and the Principal's Honor Roll.

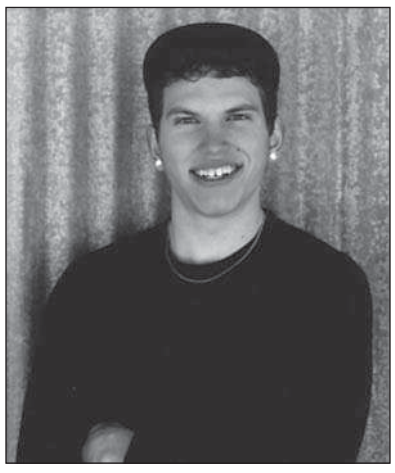
She has been accepted at East Central University and plans to pursue a degree in nursing.

Alyssa Jean Woodruff

Alyssa Jean Woodruff is a 2013 graduate of Community Christian School, Norman, Okla. She is the daughter of Paul and Sandra Clifford. She is the granddaughter of David and Laura Woodruff, Frances Goforth and Terry and Linda Church.

Alyssa plans to attend Paul Mitchell Hair Academy, Norman.

Teo Bradbury



Teo Bradbury is a 2013 graduate of Hotchkiss High School, Paonia, Colo. He is the son of Nelly Higginbotham and Douglas Bradbury. He is the grandson of Josephine Hackett Higginbotham, Don Higginbotham and Ethel Mae Bradbury.

Teo carries a 3.6 grade point average. He participates in track and field discus and shot put, baseball, weight lifting and is an avid downhill mountain bike racer in the summer.

His plans are to attend college and major in criminal justice. He hopes to enter the law enforcement field.

Thatcher Chance Dougherty

Thatcher Chance Dougherty is a 2013 graduate of Sanger High School, Sanger, Calif. He is the son of Sam and Tammi Dougherty. He is the grandson of the late Opal Gipson and Tim and Lynda Dougherty.

Thatcher carries a 4.0 grade point average, is ranked 51 in his class of 635 and in the top 10% of his class. He has been active in the NJROTC program for four years, received the Meritorious Achievement Award, Reserved Officer Ass. Outstanding Dedication, NJROTC, placed third at STEM Robotics competition, is active in the French Club, a member of the National Honor Society of High School Scholars, CSF life member, recipient of the President Volunteer Service award, received the Community (Sanger) of Caring Award, and awarded the marching band varsity letter.

His plans are to attend California State University, Fresno.

Autumn Parks

Autumn Parks is a 2013 graduate of Cyril High School, Cyril, Okla. She is the daughter of Kenneth and Brenda Parks, and Sheila Parks. She is the granddaughter of Kenneth and Karan Parks and Patsy Goodrough.

Autumn has been a cheerleader since the seventh grade. She has showed hogs al through school. She serves as president of her senior class and is active in Family, Career and Community Leaders of America, student council and the science and health club. She is a member of the Superintendent's Honor Roll. Her junior year she won Cyril Miss Pirate and was voted Best Dressed and Most Likely to be Famous. She was crowned football homecoming queen her freshman and senior years and voted Most Creative her freshman year and named a January Rotary Student of the Month her senior year.

She is currently a model for MDM Model and Talent. She enjoys pageants, shopping and learning new things. Her idol is Miranda Lambert.

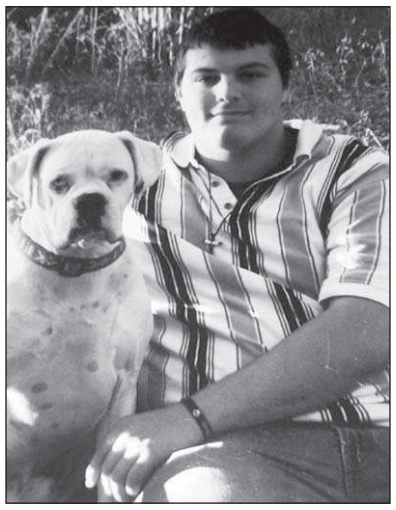
Her biggest dream is to be a movie star one day!

Her plans are to attend Cameron University, Lawton, Okla., to pursue a bachelors degree in psychology and continue her education at the University of Oklahoma to obtain a masters degree in occupational therapy.

Congratulations Autumn! We are so proud of you!

Your Family

Takota Ray Massingill

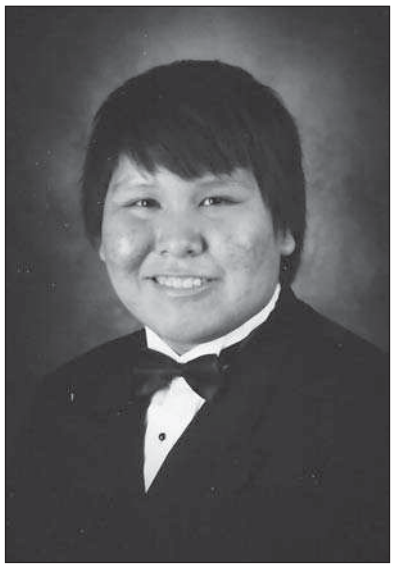


Takota Ray Massingill is a 2013 graduate of Madill High School, Madill, Okla. He is the son of Earl and Christy Massingill. He is the grandson of the late Dean Massingill, Loretta Massingill, Bobby Burris and the late Belva Burris. He is the great-grandson of Mary Harris.

Kota is an Eagle Scout. He is interested in agriculture and working with animals. He served as manager of the football team for four years and was a member of band.

His plans are to attend Southern Oklahoma Technical Center, Ardmore, to study diesel mechanics.

Zachary Nashoba Postoak



Zachary Nashoba Postoak is a 2013 graduate of Konawa High School, Konawa, Okla. He is the son of the late Stephen and Lucy Postoak. He is the grandson of Johnny and Mary Emarthla, the late John Postoak and Mary Jane Underwood Postoak. He is the great-grandson of the late Sampson and Rosie Stout Underwood. He is the great-great-grandson of the late Samuel and Hattie Stout an original Chickasaw enrollee.

His plans are to attend Seminole State College, Seminole, Okla.

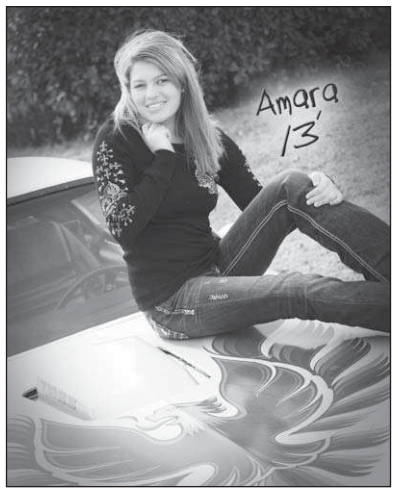
Devyn E. Johnson

Devyn E. Johnson is a 2013 graduate of Rock Creek High School, Bokchito, Okla. She is the daughter of Wade and LeAnn Johnson. She is the granddaughter of Netti Russell and Desmon and the late Peggy Johnson.

Devyn is a member of Future Farmers of America (FFA), Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), served as senior class secretary, a STUCO representative, small east All State alternate, Mix 96-1 Academic All-Star, named to a Bryan County All-Star for one year, Bryan County All-Conference two years, Bryan County All Tournament Team, Rock Creek Tournament MVP for two years, Black Diamond Tournament Team, state tournament semi-finals for fast pitch softball and Chisolm Trail All-Conference fast pitch softball.

She plans to attend Murray State College to play basketball.

Amara Ingle



Amara Ingle is a 2013 graduate of Madill High School, Madill, Okla. She is the daughter of Angela and Juston Gambel and Randal Ingle. She is the granddaughter of Janet Hart, Devyrle and Linda Ingle, Gwen Gambel, Rita Dunn, Jerri Flint, Ada Dunn, Ann McArthur and Marjorie Olson; and Ricky Hart, Mike Dunn, Richard Hudson, James Dunn, Violet McGahey, Paul and Dorothy Holt, Leonard Ingle, Craig Gambel and James "Junior" Flint all deceased.

Amara was active in Future Farmers of America (FFA) with speech contests and parliamentary contests for four years. She attended State and National FFA conventions. She showed during her senior year learning responsibility. She is a member or SWAT, the National Honor Society, Oklahoma Honor Society and SADD. She is a member of Oakview Baptist Church youth group and attended mission trips to help with building houses and assist with vacation bible schools in other churches. She enjoys spending time at the lake, hanging out with her friends and playing with her dog, Mya.

She plans to attend college and become a pediatrician registered nurse.

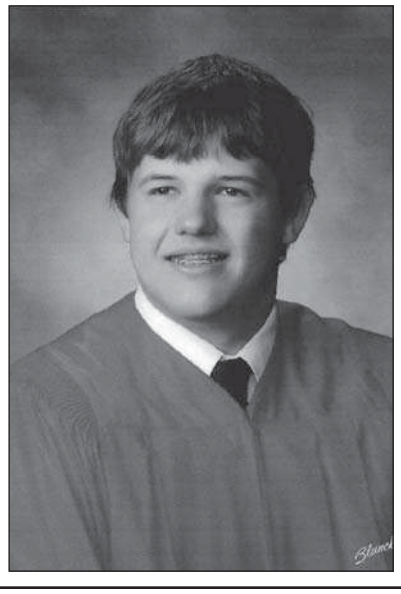
Kelsey Montgomery

Kelsey Montgomery is a 2013 graduate of Pauls Valley High School, Pauls Valley, Okla. She is the daughter of Benny and Donna Montgomery.

Kelsey has been active in Business Professionals of America (BPA) for three years, and is a member of the National Honor Society.

She plans to attend Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee. She is currently undecided on a major.

Joshua Parker



Joshua Parker is a 2013 graduate of Yukon High School, Yukon, Okla. He is the son of Steve and Debbie Parker. He is the grandson of Earline Smaistrla, of Yukon, Don Smaistrla, of Oklahoma City and Marion and Charlotte Parker, of Yukon.

Joshua loves to hunt anything. He loves archery, fishing, four-wheelers and his jeep.

His plans are to attend Oklahoma State University, Oklahoma City to become a firefighter.

Carley Faith Givens

Carley Faith Givens is a 2013 graduate of McKinney Boyd High School, McKinney, Texas. She is the daughter of Teri and Scott Givens. She is the granddaughter of Mary and Timothy Givens.

Carley carries a 4.0 grade point average. She has received the Academic Excellence Award in 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012. She has been involved with the McKinney Boyd soccer team, the French Club, Key Club and is a member of the National Honor Society. She is a member of the McDermott Road Church of Christ and is active in the youth program. She has participated in the Green Cord each year in high school which requires 100 hours per year in volunteer services. She was the recipient of the McKinney "Living for Zachary" Scholarship.

She has been accepted to Texas A&M, and plans to attend to major in nursing and hopes to become a nurse practitioner.

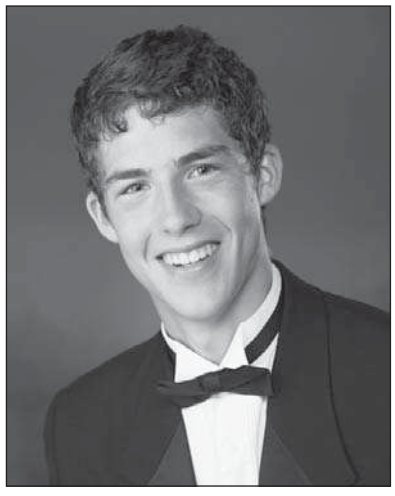
William Chappell

William Chappell is a 2013 graduate of Mount Saint Mary Catholic High School, Oklahoma City. He is the son of Tim and Dana Chappell. He is the grandson of Bill and Janet (Turner) Fallwell and the late Joseph and Janet Chappell.

William was a member of the varsity football team, the French club, the environmental club and the archery team where he placed second in his high school region and was a state qualifier. He has been involved in community service projects helping to build homes and landscaping for Habitat for Humanity and volunteers to work with dementia patients at a local nursing home facility. He served as an Oklahoma People to People Student Ambassador for five years traveling to Hawaii, Australia and Europe promoting American culture, citizenship and world peace. He was awarded the Oklahoma State Higher Regents Award for excellence in Reading and English and continues to excel in writing. He is active in his church's youth group and enjoys fishing and playing the Xbox.

His plans are to attend Saint Gregory's University, Shawnee, Okla., to pursue a degree in behavioral science/psychology. His goal is to someday work for the Chickasaw Nation as a clinical psychologist.

Matthew Daniel Leake



Matthew Daniel Leake is a 2013 graduate of Texoma Christian School, Sherman, Texas. He is the son of Matt and Celeste Leake. He is the grandson of June and the late Don Leake and Boyce and Ouida Moon, all of Sherman. He is the great-grandson of Mary Annetta Collins an original enrollee.

Dan has been a student at Texoma Christian School for the past nine years. He is a member of the National Honor Society and will graduate with a 4.18 grade point average. At Texoma Christian School he participated in cross country, track, baseball and soccer. Outside of school he enjoys soccer games, art, reading, hiking and hanging out with friends.

His plans are to attend Texas A&M University and study mechanical engineering. He will also be a counselor at New Life Ranch.

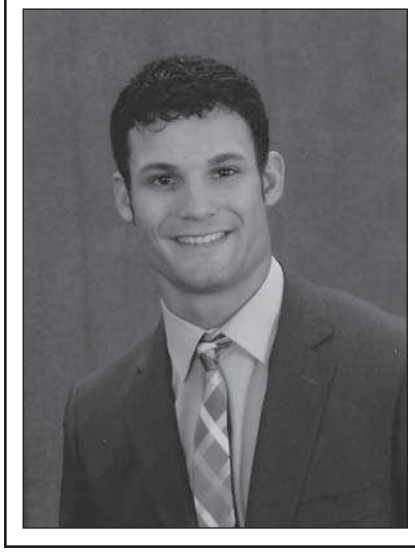
Danielle Marie Jones

Danielle Marie Jones is a 2013 graduate of De Soto High School, De Soto, Mo. She is the daughter of Dee Alan Jones and Angela Keys. She is the granddaughter of Nancy Love Jones and Don Jones. She is the great-granddaughter of Alivia R. Love and the great-great-granddaughter of William E. Love, original Dawes enrollees.

Danielle (Dani) is an honor student and a member of the National Honor Society. She is active in concert choir, jazz choir, co-ed golf team, a four-year varsity cheerleader and two time All-American cheerleader and has participated in school plays. She is a member of St. Andrews United Methodist Church and Job's Daughters.

She plans to attend Missouri University of Science and Technology to purse a degree in biology science.

James Kaleb Ogle

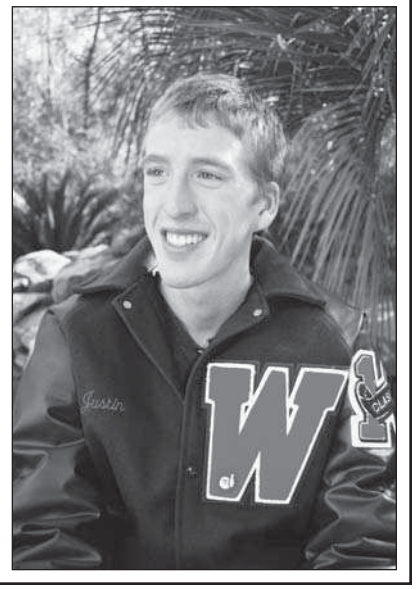


James Kaleb Ogle is a 2013 graduate of Newcastle High School, Newcastle, Okla. He is the son of James F. Ogle Jr., and Brenda Ogle. He is the grandson of the late James F. Ogle Sr., Patsy Ogle, Judy Ogle and Eugene and Mildred Easley.

James is a varsity cheerleader and is proud to hold two national titles with his team. He loves to coach cheer outside of school to kids that want to improve their skills. He loves spending time with his family and friends and he never passes up a meal.

His plans are to attend Oklahoma City University to pursue a degree in business then one day to start his life.

Justin David Havern



Justin David Havern is a 2013 graduate of The Woodlands High School, The Woodlands, Texas. He is the son of Chris and Amy Havern. He is the grandson of Tim and Amanda Havern, of El Reno, Okla., and Dave and Jan Ledbetter, Williamsburg, Va.

Justin is an Eagle Scout with Boy Scout Troop 772. He served in various leadership positions and completed the challenging Philmont backpacking trip, a 10-day, 50+ mile hike in the mountains of Northern New Mexico. He lettered two-years on the varsity bowling team and is active in The Woodlands United Methodist Church. He was worked at Kroger for four years. In 2011 he was awarded the Students Achieving Excellence Award.

His plans are to attend Lone Star College.

Madeline Jaye Jack

Madeline Jaye Jack is a 2013 graduate of Sulphur High School, Sulphur, Okla. She is the daughter of Clay and Julie Jack. She is the granddaughter of Jean Jack and the late James Jack, June and Dane Morris and the late James Akard.

Madeline will serve as co-valedictorian at graduation. Her education activities included attending Sulphur High School from 2009 to 2013, advance algebra, honors English II, honors biology I, pre-AP English III, honors chemistry I, trigonometry/math analysis, and honors chemistry II. She carries a 4.0 grade point average. She scored 25 on the December 2012 ACT. She has been ranked first in her class from 2009 to present and is a member of the Oklahoma Honor Society, the National Honor Society, an honors graduate, on the Superintendent's Honor Roll, named Murray County Kiwanis "Sophomore of the Year", Dance Center's "Dancer of the Year", All-American cheerleader, Jeff & Craig All-Star cheerleader, Class 3A 4th place cheerleading competition, class 3 A golf state qualifier, Class 3A, cross country team academic state champion, Chickasaw Nation "Anoli" Creative Writing contest, first place winner in poetry, Masonic Lodge #144 senior essay contest winner, Young Talent in Oklahoma High School Art Exhibitor, 2013 Don Pinkston Art Award and received the University of Oklahoma Valedictorian and Salutatorian Scholarship. Her extra curricular activities include varsity golf, freshman and varsity cheerleading, varsity cross country, freshman and varsity track, dancer at Dance Center in Sulphur. She served as vice president of her freshman class, president of her sophomore class, vice president of her junior class, an active member of student council, member of the art club and the Spanish Club.

Her community involvement includes Relay for Life team captain, nursery attendant for Shepherd of the Hills Presbyterian Church, volunteer at Sulphur Elementary School's Fall Carnival and volunteer at Sulphur Elementary Schools "Dina's Day of Readying".

She has been accepted to the University of Oklahoma where she plans to attend to study nutritional science.

Jessica Taylor

Jessica Taylor is a 2013 graduate of Mount Si High School, Shoqualmine, Wash. She is the daughter of Matthew and Jan Taylor. She is the granddaughter of Dr. Ronald and Susan Taylor. She is the great-great-granddaughter of Lillie Sacra Whiting, an original enrollee.

Jessica is a member of the National Honor Society and a rower with Sammamish Rowing Association.

She plans to attend the University of Oklahoma to study occupational therapy.

Randy Roberts

Randy Roberts is a 2013 graduate of Tupelo High School, Tupelo, Okla. He is the son of Wilson and Deanna Roberts, of Allen, Okla. He is the grandson of Aaron and Lucille Byington and Lee Fannie Roberts, all deceased.

He has two brothers, Tanner and Kevin and one sister, Katelyn. He has three nieces, Talia, Hailey, Emma and four nephews, Tyln, Zack, Kamryn and Gave.

Randy has attended Tupelo Schools since Head Start.

His plans are to keep working and attend college.

Good luck and we love you!

Mom and Dad

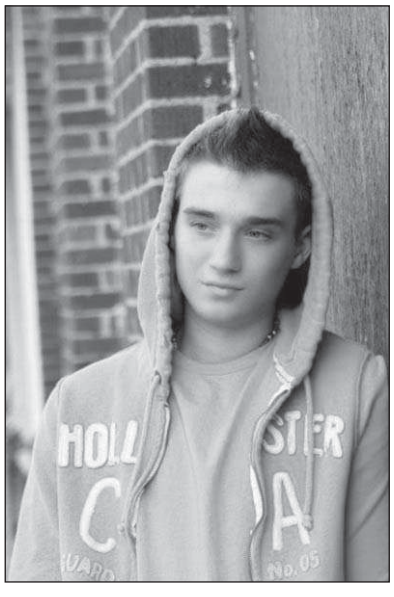
Hunter Landry Luna

Hunter Landry Luna is a 2013 graduate of Sulphur High School, Sulphur, Okla. He is the son of Paul and Stefanie Luna. He is the grandson of Perry and Lilla Luna and Jacky and Donna Mathis.

Hunter is valedictorian of his senior class, he was voted most Likely to Succeed, on the Superintendent's Honor Roll for four years, member of the National Honor Society and Oklahoma Honor Society from 2009 – 2013, an Oklahoma Honor Scholar, on the Governor's Honor Roll, named to the 2011-2013 All Conference Academic Team, served as the 2011-2013 Academic Team Captain, active with the baseball team since 2007, member of the 2010 high school regional championship baseball team, active in band since 2006, All District Band, member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) and member of the Sulphur High School 12-year club, and job shadowed at the Oklahoma Weather Center and Storm Prediction. He is a member of Crossway First Baptist Church and OASIS youth group.

His plans are to attend the University of Oklahoma to pursue a degree in meteorology.

Nathan Elias James

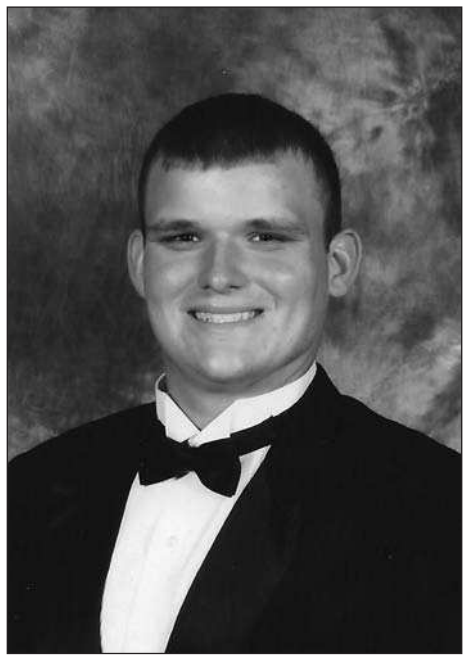


Nathan Elias James is a 2013 graduate of Jenks High School, Jenks, Okla. He is the son of Shanda and Brian James. He is the grandson of Paula Jones and Ron Stevens, of Ft. Myers Fla., and Judy Moore, of Jenks, and Reese James, of Naples, Fla.

Nathan enjoys playing the guitar, writing music and playing soccer.

His plans are to attend Tulsa Community College then attend Oklahoma City University.

Lane Bell



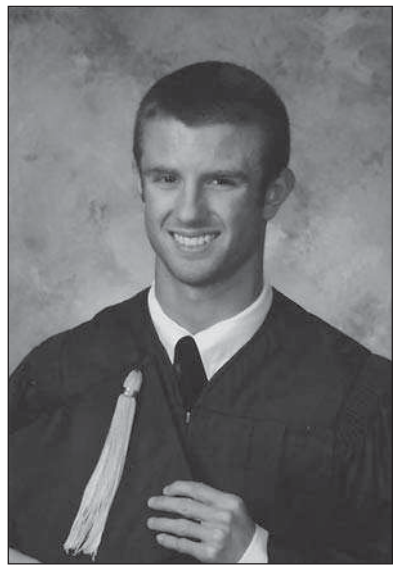
Lane Ball is a 2013 graduate of Alma High School, Alma, Ark. He is the son of the late Troy and Teresa Ball. He is the grandson of Phyllis McGlothlin and Ruby Ball.

Lane was a dedicated Alma Airedale football player for four years. He was ranked number two in 5-A offensive lineman in the state and was leader and captain of offensive line his senior year. He participated in choir for six years and participated in volunteer work in his community.

We are very proud of you Lane!

Congratulations!

Price Thomas Atteberry



Price Thomas Atteberry is a 2013 graduate of Kingwood High School, Kingwood, Texas. He is the son of Dana Haddock Atteberry and Robert Atteberry. He is the grandson of Nick and Jean Haddock, of Porter, Texas and the great-grandson of Louise Blocker Haddock, of Porter. He is the great-great-grandson of original enrollee Winnie Neighbors Blocker.

Price will graduate May 25. He played little league baseball and soccer and in middle school and high school he played basketball for the school and for a select tournament team and played two years varsity football. He is a Red Cross certified lifeguard and has worked at a Kingwood area community swimming pool and most recently works after school for a national restaurant chain.

His plans are to attend Texas A&M University, College Station, to pursue a degree in computer science with a minor in business.

His two brothers, grandparents and great-grandparents are extremely proud of the man he has become and wish him the best in all his future endeavors.

Clayton Thomas Scott

Clayton Thomas Scott is a 2013 graduate of Hughson High School, Hughson, Calif. He is the son of Chris and Denise Scott. He is the grandson of Thomas and Peggy (Skaggs) Schulte. He is the great-grandson of John and Mary Ellen Skaggs, of Hughson. He is the great-great-grandson of Robert and Elizabeth Skaggs, the great-great-great-grandson of Lewis and Hannah (Strickland), enrollees of the Chickasaw Nation.

Clayton will graduate May 31. He was active in football and received the Hughson High School Scholar Athlete award. He was a member of band for fours, and for the last two years he worked as a high school assistant with an elementary school. While attending Hughson Emile J. Ross Middle School, he was nominated and awarded a honor roll and Outstanding Achievement award from the Chickasaw Nation.

He has been awarded and accepted to the University of Nevada, Reno. He plans to pursue a degree in community health services for a future career in health care.

His goals are to be grateful for everything he receives and show my parents and teachers that I appreciate them. His other goal is show determination to set goals and make sure he reaches them, to face problems head on. He will have the wisdom by listening to his parents, teachers and friends.

Christopher James Nixon

Christopher James Nixon is a 2013 graduate of Cooper High School, Abilene, Texas. He is the son of Steve and Kara Jack Nixon. He is the grandson of James T. Jack Sr. and Rajeane. He is the great-grandson of Thomas Jack, the great-great-grandson of Walter Thomas Jack and the great-great-great-grandson of Mary Sugars Johnson-Jack an original enrollee.

Christopher will graduate June 1 at the top of his class. He has been a member of the National Honor Society and serves as historian. He is a member of the calculus club, the Principal's Advisory Committee, and the wind symphony band, jazz band and the marching band.

His plans are to attend Texas Tech University to pursue a degree in environmental engineering at.

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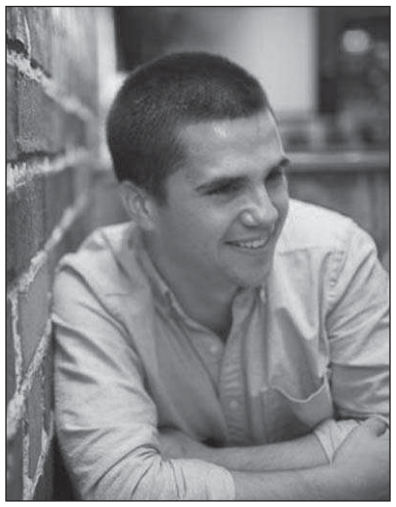


Aaron Montoya is a 2013 graduate from the University of Texas, Austin. He is the son of Charles and Laurie Montoya, Frisco, Texas. He is the grandson of Guy and Gloria McElroy.

Mr. Montoya earned a major in trumpet performance. He has been accepted to further his education at Boston University, Southern Methodist and the San Francisco Conservatory of Music. He has chosen to attend San Francisco to complete his graduate studies under the tutelage of the principle trumpet for the San Francisco Symphony.

Chelsea Burris

Chelsea Burris is a 2013 graduate from the University of Arkansas. She is the daughter of Randy and Robyn Burris, of Eufaula, Okla. She is the granddaughter of Claud and Naomi Burris and Bob and Twyla King, of Eufaula.

Ms. Burris earned a double major in international relations and German. She serves as the current president of Tau Beta Sigma and a member of the National German Honor Society. She is a multiple member of the Chancellor's and Dean's list and served as section leader in the Razorback Marching Band. She is a 2013 Fulbright Scholarship recipient, giving her the opportunity to further her education abroad.

Lindsay Marie Grisham

Lindsay Marie Grisham is a 2013 graduate of the University of Arkansas, Cabot, Ark. She is the daughter of Don and Kristina Grisham. She is the granddaughter of Myles and Sandy Homer, of Ardmore, Okla.

Lindsay has received Chickasaw Nation grants and scholarships the past four years to attend the University of Arkansas. She will graduate May 11 with a 4.0 grade point average, earning a bachelor's degree in childhood education. She is a scholar student and has been a member of Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority for four years. She does volunteer work at her local church and for breast cancer research.

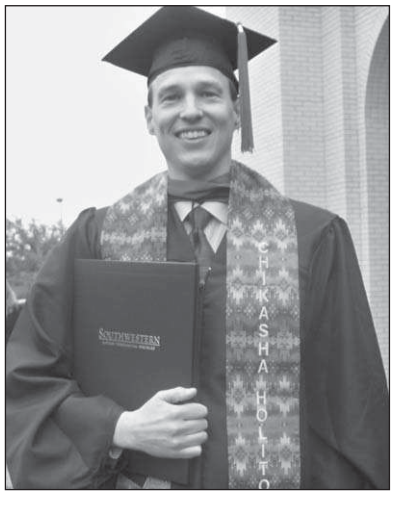
She will continue her education at the University of Arkansas to earn a masters degree.

Tammy Lynn Johnson Brown

Tammy Lynn Johnson Brown is a 2013 graduate from East Central University, Ada, Okla. She is the daughter of the late Fern Steinkuehler and Claud Johnson, of Ardmore. She is the mother of Kelly Cook, Carmon Jones, Ashlie Stick and Joshua Isaiah Stick, all of Ada.. She is the grandmother of Madison and Jackson Cook, Chase Jones and Hailey Alexander. She is the great-granddaughter of Chickasaw original enrollees Elum Johnson and Agnes Mitchell.

Ms. Brown earned a bachelor of science in human services counseling with a concentration in rehabilitation and a minor in Native American studies.

James Colbert Bratton



James Colbert Bratton graduated December 2012 from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary with a master's of divinity degree with a double concentration in biblical languages and missions.

He would like to follow in the footsteps of his great-great-grandfather, Louis Van Colbert, a full blood Chickasaw who spoke both English and Chickasaw and shared the love of Jesus to those who had yet to hear of His Love. He first step must involve being a loving husband and caring daddy for his four children. He desires to share the love of Jesus with people groups from India and Nepal.

He could not have completed his degree without the financial support and encouragement from the Department of Education of the Chickasaw Nation.

Krista Cole

Krista Cole is a 2013 graduate of Sonoma State University, Rohnert Park, Calif. She is the daughter of Danny and Patricia Cole. She is the granddaughter of Derle Lee Cole, a descendant of Roberson Carlton.

Ms. Cole earned her bachelor of arts in psychology degree. She participated on the college tennis team.

Dr. Perdue's research seeks to turn tide on disease

Chickasaw gastroenterologist sounds the alarm on colorectal cancer in Indians

DR.DAVID PURDUE

A Chickasaw physician - the only board-certified American Indian gastroenterologist in the world - is sounding the alarm and searching for a cure to colorectal cancer affecting Native Americans. It is the second deadliest cancer afflicting Native citizens, according to the U.S. Indian Health Service.

With an eye toward prevention coupled with symptom recognition, Dr. David Perdue believes his studies may be the catalyst for reversing these dire statistics.

Dr. Perdue, a gastroenterologist at the University of Minnesota Cancer Center, recently shared his findings with a group of health care professionals at the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center in Ada, Okla. Additionally, Perdue holds a Master's of Science in Public Health (M.S.P.H.)

Dr. Perdue's presentation, Grand Rounds No. 5767 Colorectal Cancer Disparities Among American Indians: Data from the Trenches, provides detailed information on the importance of recognizing colorectal cancer signs, symptoms, treatments and preventive measures for American Indians.

According to the Mayo Clinic, warning signs may first arise from a change in bowel habits, including diarrhea or constipation or a change in the consistency of the stool. Others are:

(1) Rectal bleeding or blood in your stool

(2) Persistent abdominal discomfort, such as cramps, gas or pain

(3) A feeling the bowel does not empty completely

(4) Weakness or fatigue

(5) Unexplained weight loss

Dr. Perdue's Ada presentation focused on understanding the gastrointestinal cancer differences occurring within the American Indian and Alaskan Native populations. Native Americans suffer from certain types of cancers, among them lung and colorectal cancers, more frequently than any other group, statistics show.

MEETING THE CHALLENGE

"Dr. Perdue's presentation on his work with cancer in American Indians brings into sharp focus the realities of the cancer health disparities that exist for Native people," said Bobby Saunkeah, program manager of epidemiology, research and public health for the Chickasaw Nation Department of Health. "It is very rewarding to see a Chickasaw physician contributing such important work to the care of Indian people nationally."

In many instances of colorectal cancer, patients do not know the signs and symptoms. "There is an urgent need to address these disparities, especially in the areas of routine screening for cancers, prevention and early treatment," Saunkeah said.

Once presented with this type of information, hospital staff can better educate patients on the signs, symptoms and treatments of colorectal cancer. When patients understand the risks and know the symptoms, they are more inclined to seek proper life-saving preventive treatments.

In addition to providing valuable information to be passed along from doctor to patient, Perdue also discussed how to determine what best practices might be needed at clinics within the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center to more effectively implement them in the event of illness. New strategies aimed at improving the overall understanding of colorectal cancer screening were also discussed.

Many people with colon cancer experience no symptoms in the early stages of the disease. When symptoms appear, they will likely vary, depending on the cancer's size and location in your large intestine, according to the Mayo Clinic.

It is time to see a physician when you first become symptomatic. Consult your family physician about when you should begin screening for colon cancer. Guidelines generally recommend colon cancer screenings begin at age 50. Your doctor may recommend more frequent or earlier screening if you have other risk factors such as a family history of the disease.

EMBRACING HIS HERITAGE

Dr. Perdue grew up in Spokane, Wash., where he developed an interest in medicine. He was not raised in a traditional Native American setting, but he was well informed about his American Indian roots and returned to the Ada area every summer during his youth to visit his paternal grandparents. He learned much about Chickasaw heritage and culture during these trips.

His late great-grandmother, Nora Stanton, was an original enrollee and a pianist at her church for many years. His grandmother, Lottie Perdue, attended boarding school.

His father, William D. Perdue, Ph.D., also made sure his son was acquainted with his Chickasaw heritage.

Dr. Perdue earned an undergraduate degree from Washington State University. He later earned his M.B.A. in Public Health from the University of Colorado, Denver, and his M.D. from the University of Washington.

Dr. Perdue focuses on clinical practices with Minnesota Gastroenterology in Minneapolis, where he is the select provider for American Indian and Alaska Native patients.

His clinical practice places emphasis on gastrointestinal cancer prevention, general gastroenterology and familial colorectal cancer syndromes. His specialties include helping others to understand the differences among colorectal cancer incidences among the populations of both minorities.

He is the medical director of the American Indian Cancer Foundation and co-chair of the Minnesota Intertribal Colorectal Cancer Council. He is an active member of the University of Minnesota Masonic Cancer Center, the Mayo Clinic's Spirit of Eagles Cancer Research Network and the Minnesota Colon Cancer Task Force.

To learn more about colorectal cancer, visit the American Indian Cancer Foundation online at www.americanindiancancer.org, or call the CNMC at (580) 436-3980.

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Letter to Editor

We wish to thank everyone on the great work on our home. The guys were real nice and easy to get along with. We love our home and now it is the best looking one in the neighborhood.

So many thanks to Jackie Williams, Bob Stone, Clif Teel, Brian, Ronald, Jud, Richard, Craig and the siding crew.

A special thanks to Clif Teel for all the extras.

Gene and Kathy Lasiter
Kingston, Okla.

Chickasaw West gathering set for June 1 in California

SANTEE LAKES, Calif. – The annual Chickasaw gathering at Santee Lakes, sponsored by Chickasaw West, is set for Saturday, June 1.

The event will run from 9 a.m. through 5 p.m. All Chickasaws and their families are welcome.

Hamburgers, hot dogs and beverages will be served at noon. Organizers request attendees please bring a food dish to share.

Lawn chairs are recommended and a large covered area will be available in case of rain or hot weather.

Several members of the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature are expected to attend the gathering.

Fishing, paddle boat and canoe rentals are available at Santee Lakes. Santee Lakes is within one hour of several San Diego attractions.

Santee Lakes is approximately one hour northeast of San Diego. It is approximately 20 minutes northwest of El Cajon, Calif. For directions and more information call Sharon Tandy at (818) 985-8392 or Santee Lakes at (619) 596-3141.

This month on CNTV

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· CNTV covers the Chickasaw Nation Hall Fame complete with profiles of this year's inductees.

· CNTV will recap the recent Dynamic Women of the Chickasaw Nation Conference and Forum.

· The Children's Fair in Ada was a fun-filled day of games and activities for young people. Find out more about this annual event this month on CNTV.

….and much more! New episodes are available on the first and fifteenth of each month.

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The Chickasaw Nation distributes military care packages to individuals stationed away from their permanent residences.

The military care package distribution list is made up of Chickasaws, spouses of Chickasaws, Chickasaw Nation employees, spouses of employees and children of employees on active duty and stationed away from their permanent residences.

If you know men or women who fit the criteria and would like to add them to the military care package list, **please contact Ms. Randi Payne at (580) 310-6451 or randi.payne@chickasaw.net.**

Thank you for your assistance and for supporting our troops!

NEAL MCCALEB

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Oklahoma and on a national level.

"A lot of the things I will be doing as ambassador are things I have already been doing," Mr. McCaleb said, adding that one of those is helping people better understand tribal sovereignty.

"Many people don't fully understand tribal sovereignty. They think of it as kind of a relic of the ancient past and not really operative or effective today," he said. "I try to explain why it is, what its importance is and the economic significance of it for Oklahoma."

Gov. Anoatubby said Mr. McCaleb has done a great deal to enlighten others about the impact of tribal sovereignty and government-to-government relationships.

"Neal understands that it is the responsibility of tribal leaders and state leaders to work together to develop productive relationships on a variety of issues to better serve everyone involved," said Gov. Anoatubby. "He has done a tremendous job of helping people understand that Native American nations are sovereign entities with a great deal to contribute to successful economic development, health care, housing and other issues important to all Oklahomans."

In 1995, Gov. Anoatubby named Charles Blackwell Chickasaw Nation Ambassador to the United States.

That appointment grew out of discussions between Gov. Anoatubby and Mr. Blackwell, who agreed there was a need for the tribes to revive a tradition of diplomatic relations with other governments.

"We appointed an official ambassador to help reinforce the formal government-to-government relationship the Chickasaw Nation had with the federal government," Gov. Anoatubby said. "Charles did a tremendous job as ambassador in helping that relationship grow and improve through the years.

"Neal McCaleb will serve in a similar, but expanded capacity, as he will serve as an emissary to tribal and state governments as well as the federal government."

Mr. McCaleb served as Assistant Secretary of Interior for Indian Affairs from July, 2001 through November, 2002. He was a strong advocate for tribal economic development during his tenure in office.

Since leaving Interior, Mr. McCaleb has worked as an economic development consultant for the Chickasaw Nation. He also serves on the board of Chickasaw Nation Industries and Bank2, among others.

He served eight years in the Oklahoma House of Representatives and was elected minority floor leader in 1978. He served as a presidential appointee on Ronald Reagan's Commission on Indian Reservation Economies in the 1980s.

As Oklahoma's Secretary of Transportation, Mr. McCaleb oversaw the construction and maintenance of the state's transportation systems. He was the first man to serve as director of both the Oklahoma Department of Transportation and the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority, in addition to being Secretary of Transportation.

A 1957 graduate of Oklahoma A&M University (now Oklahoma State University), he is a licensed professional engineer with more than 40 years experience in designing and supervising the construction of roads, bridges, public facilities and architectural structures.

CHICKASAW COMMUNITY COUNCILS

For a complete listing of Chickasaw Nation camps, academies and other events visit www.chickasaw.net

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Achille Area Chickasaws
Quarterly, last Saturday at 1:30 p.m.
Kay Anders, 580-283-3979

CONNERVILLE
Connerville Chickasaw Community Council
Bi-Monthly, 3rd Monday at 6:30 p.m.
Tony Poe, 580-421-4994

KINGSTON
Chickasaws of Texoma
Quarterly, 4th Thursday at 6:30 p.m.
Ruth McAdoo, 580-564-6803

Marshall County Chickasaw Community Council
Quarterly, 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
Sarah Lea, 580-564-4570

NEWCASTLE
Northern Pontotoc Chickasaw Community Council
Monthly, 2nd Thursday
Potluck at 6 p.m. and Meeting at 7 p.m.
Todd Griffith, 405-615-1303

OKLAHOMA CITY
OKC Metro Chickasaw Community Council
1st Tuesday
Potluck at 6 p.m. and Meeting at 7 p.m.
Betty Smith at (405) 348-7459
pikeyscrossing@yahoo.com

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Purcell Chickasaw Community Council
4th Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
Carolee Maxwell, 405-527-7676

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Ann Fink, 580-371-3351

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Chickasaws of Arizona
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Angie Ott, 480-834-7309

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Quarterly
Phil Reynolds, 916-988-8182

COLORADO
Chickasaw Community Council of Colorado
Bi-Monthly
Stephen Bingham, 303-377-4637

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Chickasaw Community Council of Wichita
Quarterly, 3rd Sunday at 2:30 p.m.
Lynn Stumblingbear, (316) 945-9219

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Monroe Area Chickasaw Citizen Connection
Semi-Annually
Chickasaw Outreach, 580-332-1165

MISSOURI
St. Louis Area Chickasaw Citizen Connection
Quarterly
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NEW ENGLAND
New England Chickasaw Citizen Connection
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New Mexico Chickasaw Community Council
Quarterly
Rita Yepa, 505-350-8372

OREGON/WASHINGTON
Pacific Northwest Chickasaw Community Council
Quarterly
Kim Factor, 503-819-3097 or Rena Smith, 503-543-7401

TEXAS
Chickasaw Community Council of Central Texas
2nd Sunday at 2 p.m.
Charles Holland, 512-341-0024

Chickasaw Community Council of South Texas
Monthly, 2nd Sunday at 2 p.m.
Nancy McLarry, 830-537-4576 or 210-313-4576
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3rd Saturday, Bedford, Texas
Sandra Williams, 817-688-6566
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Quarterly
Howard Thompson, 903-570-9244

Complete the Customer Service Survey and win!

Chickasaw citizens who complete a tribal customer service survey can win $100.

Chickasaws can access the Customer Service Survey through the tribal website at www.chickasaw.net. The survey seeks input from citizens regarding tribal programs, services and customer service.

After completing the survey, enter the giveaway. The $100 will be given away each quarter. Winners will be announced in *the Chickasaw Times.*

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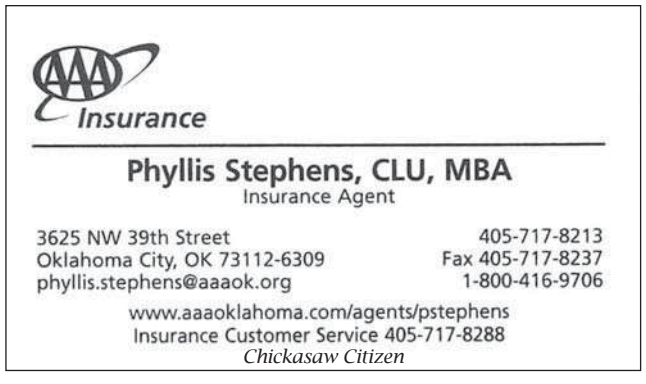

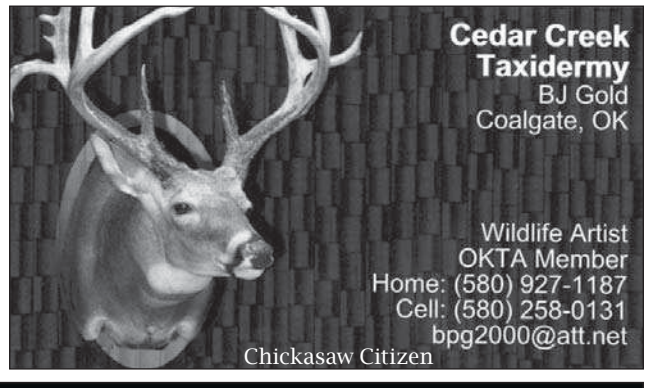

May is Mental Health Awareness Month

Chickasaw Nation Grant Program Focuses On Suicide Prevention

Mental illness in America is a fact of life. It can be treated effectively once sufferers simply ask for help.

But asking for help is difficult for many Americans.

May's Mental Health Awareness Month seeks to reduce the stigma associated with mental illness. Mental illness is the same as physical maladies. When treated properly, the outcomes are normally quite good.

Depression is the most common form of mental illness, and is also among the most highly treatable.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, one in 10 U.S. adults report depression. In fact, depression ranks among the top reasons for suicide. The CDC states that suicide is the 10th leading cause of death in the U.S.

"We have found that most people don't want to die," said Christie Byers, preventative specialist with Chickasaw Nation Behavioral Health. "They want someone to listen. We can become safer communities by training more people to hear and understand the thoughts of ordinary people."

Five simple words - "Are you thinking about suicide?" - can change a person's life. Just by asking this question, a friend, family member or even a complete stranger can open the door to helpful discussions and better mental health. From a teen who may be experiencing bullying at school to a parent facing tough economic times, thoughts of suicide are not uncommon.

Last year, Chickasaw Nation Behavioral Health received a one-year extension on a $240,000 suicide prevention grant. The Meth/Suicide Prevention Initiative (MSPI) grant provides education and training of staff to address suicide and methamphetamine abuse. Avenues used to reach out to the community include education presentations, health fairs, services to Chickasaw Nation employees, and special events including community walk events and partnerships with community drug free coalitions.

"As Indian people, we tend to keep our problems to ourselves," Mrs. Byers said. "We never had an outlet to share our feelings. By talking about it, we remove the taboo. We regain our self identity and learn how to fit into the world."

According to a new report issued by the American Association of Suicidology, while suicide rates had been declining since the 1990s, they are currently on the rise, especially among young people ages 18-25 and Native Americans.

In Oklahoma, suicide among Native Americans is higher than for any other group. According to the Oklahoma State Health Department's 2011 report, suicide for Native Americans accounts for 14.7 percent of deaths – compared to 11.3 percent nationally.

Chickasaw Nation Behavioral Health is making positive inroads in addressing suicide through community action. Getting the community involved in the issue, removing the stigma that families of suicide live with, and getting people talking about this trend are three keys to improving the quality of life for Chickasaws and all Oklahomans.

Since the Chickasaw Nation instituted the MSPI program in 2009, it is estimated that as many as 150 people have been trained in how to recognize signs of those who may be contemplating suicide. The program also trains individuals in how to interact with someone believed to be thinking about suicide, and how to intervene.

"This is a community health problem," Behavioral Health clinician Deanna Carpitche said. "More people die by suicide than homicide every year in the United States. We are privileged to have this grant and the support of the Chickasaw Nation to provide these services to help make our communities safer."

Reasons for the higher than average rate of suicide among Native Americans, Mrs. Carpitche said, are varied.

"Loss and trauma are often common causes of thoughts of suicide, and unfortunately Native Americans have experienced plenty of both and often still do," she said.

Finally, Carpitche said her department also worked closely with families whose loved ones have died by suicide.

"We can conduct 'post-ventions' with friends and family, which are also suicide prevention," she said.

When a family member dies from suicide, the survivors are at higher risk of also taking their own lives. By talking about it, Carpitche said future suicides in the same family may be avoided.

For information on upcoming community training opportunities, contact the behavioral health department. For suicide help, call 800-273-TALK.

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Suicide prevention programs

suicideTALK – An exploration in suicide awareness via community gatherings to inform of suicide prevention opportunities.

safeTALK – A suicide alertness program for everyone. It helps all members of the community identify people with thoughts of suicide and how to connect them to first aid resources. Most people with thoughts of suicide invite help to stay safe. Alert helpers know how to use these opportunities to support that desire for safety. Upcoming safeTALK sessions:

June 21, 2013 8 a.m. - Noon Chickasaw Nation Youth & Family Services

Sept. 20, 2013 8 a.m. - Noon Chickasaw Nation Medical Center Green Conference Room

ASIST (Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training) – Helps all kinds of caregivers learn suicide first aid intervention. Outcome studies show that participants are more willing, ready and able to help a person who may be at risk of suicide. More than one million caregivers nationwide have participated in this two-day, interactive and practice-oriented workshop. Upcoming sessions are:

May 23 & 24, 2013 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Chickasaw Nation Youth & Family Services

July 25 & 26, 2013 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Ada Community Center

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March 15, 2013

AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson Steve Woods called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM #2 ROLL CALL

Members present: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

Member absent: Dean McManus

Staff present: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary, Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms, Robert Cheadle, Legislative Counsel

Guests present: Joel Chastain, Don Alexander, Nancy Alexander, Rickey Alexander, Dana Lance, Michael L. Wingo, S. Ashley Large, Tony Choate

AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Ms. Green.

AGENDA ITEM #4 READING OF MINUTES

A. Approval of February 15, 2013, Minutes

A motion was made by Mrs. Alexander and seconded by Ms. Case to approve the Minutes of February 15, 2013.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

12 yes votes

The motion to approve the February 15, 2013, carried unanimously.

B. Amendments to January 17, 2013, Minutes

Corrections were noted on pages three and four of the January 17, 2013 minutes.

A motion was made by Mrs. Alexander and seconded by Ms. Briggs to amend the minutes of January 17, 2013, as noted.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

12 yes votes

The motion to amend the minutes of January 17, 2013, carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #5: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

AGENDA ITEM #6: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Linda Briggs

General Resolution 30-019, Revocable Use Permit to Pioneer Telephone Cooperative, Inc., Fire and Rescue Tract in Ada, Oklahoma

This resolution approves the Revocable Use Permit to Pioneer Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (Pioneer), Kingfisher, Oklahoma, on the Fire and Rescue Tract located in Ada. The term of the permit is one year, with an option to renew for an additional term of one year. The permit rental is $500.00 per year. The approval of this permit request will allow Pioneer to access the property to perform surveys, soils tests, and other engineering procedures or environmental investigations necessary to determine if the construction of a Communications Antenna Facility on the Property will be compatible with Pioneer's engineering. Ground disturbance and construction activities are not allowed under this permit.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Green to approve GR30-019.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott,

Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR30-019 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 30-020, To Approve Modification to Oil and Gas Lease in Pittsburg County, Previously approved by Resolution Number 29-010 (Tribal Tract 1464½)

Kepco Operating Inc. (Kepco), Post Office Box 910, Kilgore, Texas 75663-0910, entered into a three-year Oil and Gas Lease through the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Subsurface Leasing, on land jointly owned by the Choctaw Nation and Chickasaw Nation. The lease contained a scrivener's error describing the acreage set for in the lease, based on the official records maintained by the Bureau's Land Title Records office: From: 3.03 acres more or less To: 3.30 acres more or less. Kepco has been notified of this change and is requested to submit additional bonus due in the amount of $135.00, plus $0.21 in additional annual rental per acre.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Green to approve GR30-020.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR30-020 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 30-021, Amendment to Agricultural Lease No. G09-1752 in McCurtain County

Agricultural Lease No. G09-1752 is for grazing purposes, on property belonging to the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations, in McCurtain County, Oklahoma, containing 330.60 acres, more or less. The lease is in favor of Curtis Wheeler, and the proposed amendment to the lease is for the construction of a new 1¼ mile of fence along the west boundary of the property. Mr. Wheeler will pay for all labor costs and $2,500.75, which is ½ of the total cost for materials equaling $5001.50. Mr. Wheeler's rental payment to the Bureau is set at $3,250.00 per year of which the Choctaw Nation receives 75% or $2437.5, and the Chickasaw Nation receives 25% or $812.50. The Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations will pay their respective parts of the material cost of $2,500.75 by reducing Mr. Wheeler's 2013 rental payment as follows: $3,250.00 (rent) - $2,500.75 (½ materials) - $749.25 rent remaining due for 2013, of which the Choctaw Nation will receive $561.94 and the Chickasaw Nation will receive $187.31.

A motion was made by Mrs. Alexander and seconded by Ms. Barker to approve GR30-021.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR30-021 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 30-022, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Carter County

This Resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property in Ardmore, Carter County Oklahoma, for expansion of the Chickasaw Nation Carter Seminary area. The tract of land contains 6.793 acres, more or less.

A motion was made by Ms. Hammond and seconded by **Mr. Woerz to approve GR30-022.**

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR30-022 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 30-023, Agricultural Lease No. G09-1772 in Pushmataha County

This resolution approves Agricultural Lease in Pushmataha County, Oklahoma, containing 40 acres, more or less, in favor of LuLua Al Sabah. The proposed lease will be for a five (5) year term beginning May 1, 2011, and expiring on April 30, 2016, with a per annum payment of $500.00, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive $125.00.

A motion was made by Mrs. Alexander and seconded by Ms. Case to approve GR30-023.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR30-023 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 30-024, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Murray County

This Resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property in Sulphur, Murray County, Oklahoma as an addition to the Artesian site property.

A motion was made by Mr. Colbert and seconded by Ms. Barker to approve GR30-024.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR30-024 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 30-025, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Marshall County

This Resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property in Madill, Marshall County, Oklahoma, to be used for the Boys and Girls Club and to expand services for other programs in the Marshall County area.

A motion was made by Ms. Elliott and seconded by Ms. Hammond to approve GR30-025.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR30-025 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 30-026, To Repeal and Replace General Resolution 30-003 and Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Marshall County

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's repeal and replacement of GR 30-003 in order to correct a typographical error in the previously submitted legal description of real property, to be acquired from HCG Realty Holdings LLC, located in Marshall County, Oklahoma, correctly described in Exhibit "A"

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Staff Sgt. Donald Ray Byars

Staff Sgt. Donald Ray Byars, 69, died March 25, 2013. A memorial service was April 20 at Boiling Springs Methodist Church, Lula, Okla.

He was born September 2, 1942 at Savanna, Okla., to E.H. Byars and Pearl (Humes) Byars.

Mr. Byars enlisted in the U.S. Marines in 1952 and served two tours of duty at Vietnam. He later was promoted to drill sergeant at Camp Pendelton, Calif. He served his country for 30 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, E.H. and Pearl Byars; two sisters, Lorene Etheridge and Betty Darnell; two brothers, Harrison Byars and Amiel Harry Byars Jr.

He is survived by four sons, David, Thomas, Edward and Chester; a daughter, Donna; 13 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; a sister, Emma Wilkerson and husband, Loyd, of Davis, Okla.; and a multitude of cousins, nieces and nephews.

Health question call-in for At-Large citizens

Are you a Chickasaw citizen living outside the tribal boundaries? Would you like more information on Chickasaw Nation Health programs and services available to you?

If so, call Amy Wampler, Services At-Large Case Manager, at 800-851-9136 ext. 61097.

Charles Eugene Freeman

Charles Eugene Freeman, 86, of Lakewood, Colo., died March 20, 2013 at Bear Creek Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, Morrison, Colo. A memorial service and interment was March 28 at Fort Logan National Cemetery, Denver.

Mr. Freeman was born Feb. 15, 1927 at Ardmore, Okla., to James Blaine and Eliza Lessie (Colbert) Freeman. Mr. Freeman was one-quarter Chickasaw.

He married Donna Marie Allen July 3, 1947 at Yuma, Ariz. She preceded in him death September 19, 1999. He married Betty Pedersen August 13, 2001 at Golden, Color.

When he was young, Mr. Freeman's family moved from Oklahoma to California and settled in the Los Angeles area. After serving in the U.S. Navy he worked over 42 years for the California Water Service Company in East Los Angeles. After retiring from there he and his wife moved to Lakewood, Colo.

He enjoyed bowling, bicycle riding and walking the bicycle trails in the area.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Donna Marie Freeman; a granddaughter, Jessica Freeman; a sister, Bonnie Gray (Freeman) Miller; and a brother, Richard Bennett Freeman.

He is survived by two sons, Dennis Freeman, of Whittier, Calif., and John Freeman, of Lakewood; a sister, Mary Frances (Freeman) Danforth, of Santa Clarita, Calif.; four grandchildren, Karla Freeman, Kerry Freeman, Joshua Freeman and Jacob Freeman; and one great-granddaughter, Keara Freeman.

He was a loving, caring, patient and generous father, grandfather and great-grandfather and he will forever in our hearts.

Loleta "Faye" Harris

Loletta "Faye" Harris, 78, died March 30, 2013 at her home in Bakersfield, Calif. Services were April 14 at Hillcrest Memorial Park.

She was born Nov. 4, 1934 at Wapanucka, Okla., to the late Monroe (Cub) and Mamie Maytubby.

She grew up in Wapanucka and moved to Lamont, Calif., with her parents in 1946. She attended Arvin High School and was among the first graduating class in 1952.

She was of Chickasaw decent and was very proud of her Indian Heritage. She lived most of her adult life in Lamont and was a faithful member of Maranatha Southern Baptist Church for many years. During her adult years she enjoyed oil painting and traveling. But her main focus was always her family and she enjoyed being involved in their lives. She was very family-oriented and loved her family dearly.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband of 57 years, Wade Harris; a daughter, Twila Cota; a son-in-law, Jackie Cota; and a sister, Willie Mae Maytubby.

She is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Dena and Gerald Quinn; a son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Karen Harris; a daughter, Monica Ward; grandchildren, Stacey Gonzalez and husband Matthew, Stephen Harris and wife Lacie, Kelly Cota, and Chad Harris; and four great-grandchildren, Lauren, Katie, Paisley and Ethan; numerous cousins, all of whom she cherished; sisters-in-law, Frances Weldon, Opal Cravey, Brenda Glover and husband Lance; and their families.

She will be genuinely missed by all those who knew her.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to Pat Roberts for his prayers and friendship, and to Isabelo, Trinadad and Olivia of Optimal Hospice.

Robert Kelly Horse

Robert Kelly Horse, 49, died April 4, 2013 at the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center, Ada, Okla., surrounded by his loving family. Funeral services were April 8, atthe Sunny Lane Funeral Home Chapel in Del City, Okla. Burial followeded in Sunny Lane Cemetery.

He was born September 24, 1963 at Lawton, Okla., to Sam and Ruby Horse.

He enjoyed fishing, playing golf and was a huge Thunder fan.

He was a member of the Chickasaw and Kiowa Tribe.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Bob and Marie Gipson and Ira and Elsie Horse; great-grandmothers, Lincey Durin and Keesa Horse; great-grandfather, Rev. Albert Horse; and great-great-grandfather, Hunting Horse.

He is survived by his parents; a son, Shay Horse, of Brooklyn, N.Y.; a brother William White Eagle; nephew and niece Brandon and Tara White Eagle, of Ada, Okla.; two aunts, Betty (Gene) Thomas, Waynesboro, Va., and Martha (Walter) DeWitt, Wapanucka, Okla.; an uncle, Clifton Horse, of Anadarko, Okla.; and a host of cousins, extended family and friends.

Lahoma H. Rice

Lahona Hayward Rice, 97, died April 16, 2013. Interment was April 20 at the Bonner Point Family Cemetery, Ardmore, Okla.

She was born June 16, 1915 at Pittsburg, Okla., on Mourning Godfre Issue land, J.L. Hayward and Mourning Godfrey Hayward.

She had four sisters, Edna Mae Hayward Gooding, Lourena Hayward Vance, Mildred Hayward Gorde and Olline Hayward MacDonald. All sisters, including Mrs. Rice, attended Bloomfield Academy in Ardmore.

She married Earl B. Rice. He preceded her in death.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and her four sisters. The eldest sister living to be 103 years old.

She is survived by a son, James B. Rice; a daughter Barbara E. Olson; seven grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and her cherished friend and caregiver, Joyce Smith.

Mrs. Rice was a talented quilt maker and passed her senior years making quilts for her family.

She possessed a wonderful sense of humor and her favorite saying was "when I die and go to Heaven I want to sew pockets on everything". She never had enough pockets for her kleenex.

She was dearly loved by her family and many friends.

In her passing we wish for our beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend that the sun continues to shine upon her, all our love continues to surround her and the pure light within her continues to guide her along the way.

Jonathon Roquemore

Jonathon Roquemore, 55, of Waco, Texas died March 31, 2013, at his home. A memorial service will be at a later date in East Texas.

He was the youngest son of James Andrew Roquemore and Clara Mae Elliott Roquemore, who preceded him in death.

He graduated from Waco High School in 1975 and from the University of Houston.

He excelled in his professional career as a software analyst for various companies, and loved to read and spend time outdoors.

He was a proud member of the Chickasaw Nation and was the great-grandson of Lemuel Moore and grandson of Ruby Moore Elliott original enrollees of the Chickasaw Nation.

He is survived by his beloved daughters, Hannah and Rachel Roquemore, of Robinson; ex-wife, Felicia; brothers, Mike Roquemore, David Roquemore and wife Susan, Steve Roquemore and wife, Patricia, and Mark Roquemore and wife, Karla; sisters Anita Johnson, Sue Roquemore, and Rose Roquemore; and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews.

He had a large family and many friends that loved and admired him.

Memorials may be made to the Methodist Children's Home of Waco, where he spent 17 years of his youth and made life-long friendships.

Lucy Belle Schultz

Lucy Belle Schultz, 90, Pryor, Okla., died Jan. 31, 2013 at Pryor. Services were February 4, at the First United Methodist Church with Pastor Rob Harris and Fred Sordahl officiating. Burial followed at Graham Memorial Cemetery.

She was born October 26, 1922 at Portales, N.M. to Joel and Lucy (Johnson) Carroll.

She married Eugene William Schultz September 6, 1939 in Farwell, Texas.

She worked at Mountain State Southwestern Bell Telephone for 10 years. She began as an operator and advanced to training new operators.

She and her husband, Gene. moved to Pryor in 1952. In the summer of 1956 they became manager/operators of Sherwin Williams. In 1973 they established Schultz Decorating and operated it until 1983.

She was the first female mayor of Pryor. She was a three term Mayor for the City of Pryor, serving from 1991 to 1997. Mrs. Schultz was voted Oklahoma "Mayor of the Year" in 1992 by the Oklahoma Municipal League. She also served on the Pryor City Council for 15 years. She was a charter member of the Presbyterian Church and currently was a member of the First United Methodist Church. She was a member of the Elkette's, Lion Tamers and Presbyterian Women, and a board member for Grand Lake Mental Health, Grand Gateway, Mayes County Senior Citizens Nutrition Center and the Pryor Cemetery Board. While serving as Mayor she was instrumental in bringing Thunderbird Youth Academy to the City of Pryor and stayed active over the years with that organization.

She was an active advocate regarding domestic violence and was a member of DVIS. The last few years she was very active in community service and a variety of volunteer work.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; and a sister Joella Edwards.

She is survived by two sons Eugene W. "Bill" Jr. and Marsha Schultz, Kurt Schultz and friend Lisa Robertson; four grandchildren, Tray Schultz, Genene Dobrinski, Isaac Schultz and Jordan Schultz; great-grandchildren, Dayton Dobrinski and Kendal Dobrinski; half-sister, Carol Jean Carter; and cousin, David Cole.

In lieu of other remembrances donations can be made to: Mayes County Senior Citizens Nutrition Center.

Note of Thanks

Words cannot adequately express our appreciation for the acts of kindness during the loss of our precious son, Robert Kelly Horse.

A big Thank You for the beautiful services rendered by Pastor Randy Wade and Don Horse and the Chickasaw/Choctaw hymns that were sung by Mary Smith, Norris Samuels and the pallbearers. Kiowa hymns were sung by Don Horse and others.

We thank the ladies who took care of the refreshments for the wake services and the family meal. Carrie Horse, Amy Sahmaunt, Sondra Dupont, Pat Bartmess and Betty Thomas prepared everything and we are grateful to them.

Great gratitude is extended to the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center staff for their compassionate and professional medical care for Robert. Sam and I are blessed to have such wonderful friends and we thank you for your visits to the hospital, your prayers, flowers, gifts in memory, food, telephone calls, monetary gifts, cards. We realize it was hard for those who traveled long distances to be with us during our time of need and we are thankful for that. God bless each and everyone.

Sam and Ruby Horse

Erie Shoemaker

Erie Shoemaker, 90, died March 27, 2013 in Ada, Okla., at the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center. Services were March 30, at The Chapel at Griffin - Hillcrest Funeral Home with Pastor Steve Wall and Ed Lee officiating. Interment followed at Hillcrest Memorial Park, Ardmore.

Mr. Shoemaker was born August, 21, 1922 at Overbrook, Okla., to Will and Susie (Cooper) Shoemaker.

He married Painey Elizabeth (Marris) October 9, 1957 at Ardmore.

Mr. Shoemaker graduated from Greenville High School and served in the U.S. Army during WWII and the Korean War. He served the Lord as a Deacon of the First Indian Baptist Church of Dallas, the Ardmore Indian Baptist Church and the Northeast Baptist Church of Ardmore.

His hobbies were baseball, softball, basketball, horseshoes, and bowling. He received numerous awards and trophies for horseshoes, bowling and dominoes.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three sisters, Ruby Thompson, Ella Wilmond, and Cleo Bull; two brothers, Douglas Shoemaker and Raymond Shoemaker.

He is survived by his wife Elizabeth of the home; a daughter Patricia Darlene Shoemaker; sisters, Sylvania Padilla and Faye Taylor; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Serving as pallbearers were Phil Marris, Edwyn Marris, Steven Padilla, Richard Bull, Robert Dodson, Christopher Marris, Marcus Willmond, and Randy Bond. Honorary bearers were his nephews.

Condolences may be left at www.Griffin-HillcrestFH.com

Charles Alton "Rusty" Staton

Charles Alton "Rusty" Staton, 78, of Crystal City, Texas died February 12, 2013, at his home after a lengthy illness. Services were Feb. 15 with Rev. Nathan La Frenz officiating. Burial followed at Edgewood Cemetery, Crystal City.

He was born December 27, 1934 and lived his life in Zavala County.

Two years after graduating from Crystal City High School in 1953, he married Martha Elizabeth Petty Staton. They were married for 58 years.

His lifelong closeness with the outdoors and nature allowed him to spend his retirement year's photographing wildlife. Through his desire to work with wood came the creation of many unique and charming birdhouses. His love and passion for border collies included many training techniques such as teaching his dogs to play soccer. He felt great pleasure and joy serving as a volunteer providing maintenance and care to Edgewood Cemetery.

He was preceded in death by his father, Herschel Alton Staton; his mother, Edna Faye Cathcart Staton; and a daughter Audrey Elizabeth "Dusty" Staton.

He is survived by his daughters Debbie Yvonne Kubish, of San Antonio, Tammy Faye Ritchie and Ed Ritchie III, of La Pryor, Texas; a son Charles Alton "Rusty " Staton, Jr., of Uvalde, Texas; four granddaughters, Zephlia Kubish, of San Antonio, Amber and Dale Collins, of Canyon Lake, Texas, Chelsea Bollier and Ricky Vargas, of Carrizo Springs, Texas and Paige Ritchie, of College Station, Texas; three great-grand children; and numerous other relatives.

The family has indicated that those whose desire may make memorial contributions to the Uvalde Hospice or to the charity of their choice.

Emerson Family Reunion

Sunday, June 9, 2013
Mill Creek (OK) School Cafeteria

Lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m.

Bring your favorite covered dish!

For more information contact Teresa Bolin at (580) 504-6844 or Deb Hook at (580) 618-1073.

MINUTES

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and hereby incorporated by reference together with all improvements thereon, if any, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous. The property is located approximately .75 miles north of the Red River on Highway 377.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Barker to approve GR30-026.

Mrs. Alexander made reference to Article 7, Section 7 of the Chickasaw Constitution in regard to the purchase of real property.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR30-026 carried unanimously.

Ms. Briggs concluded her report.

AGENDA ITEM #7 NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)

Mrs. Alexander and Ms. Briggs introduced their guests that were present.

AGENDA ITEM #8 ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Session adjourned at 9:19 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Connie Barker, Secretary
Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature
Prepared by: Doretta Sellers,
Recording Secretary
Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature

APRIL 2013 RESOLUTIONS

General Resolution Number 30-029

Petroleum Pipeline Right of Way Easement in Murray County

Explanation: This resolution approves a petroleum pipeline right of way easement to BKEP Pipeline, LLC, an Oklahoma limited liability company, 6120 South Yale Avenue, Suite 500, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74136. BKEP Pipeline LLC will install an 8" steel pipe to carry crude oil to a depth of 4 feet, sufficient enough to not interfere with the sod operation. Construction will take 30 days, plus or minus depending on weather, and will commence as soon as practical after approval of the easement. BKEP Pipeline LLC will pay $15,083.75 for the easement.

Property Location: Chickasaw Sod Farm at Davis, Oklahoma

Presented By: Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Toby Perkins, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

Absent: Connie Barker, Dean McManus, David Woerz

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee of the Whole
April 15, 2013
Present: Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods
Absent: **Beth Alexander**

Finance Committee
April 15, 2013
Present: Toby Perkins, Connie Barker, Linda Brigs, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, David Woerz, Steve Woods

Health Care Committee
April 5, 2013
Present: Shana Hammond, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Nancy Elliott, Scott Wood, Steve Woods
Absent: Mary Jo Green

Hunting & Fishing Code
April 15, 2013
Present: Steve Woods, Tim Colbert, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood

Human Resources Committee
April 15, 2013
Present: Dean McManus, Katie Case, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods

Land Development Committee
April 5, 2013
Present: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Tim Colbert Steve Woods
Absent: **Linda Briggs, Mary Jo Green, David Woerz**

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